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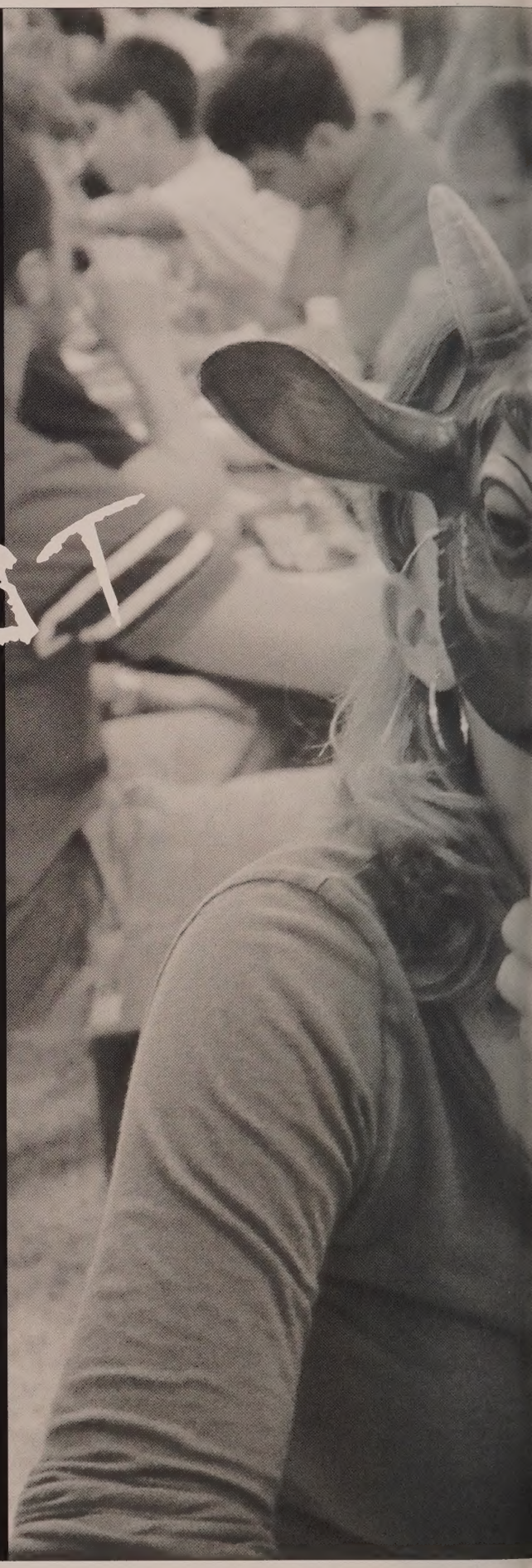
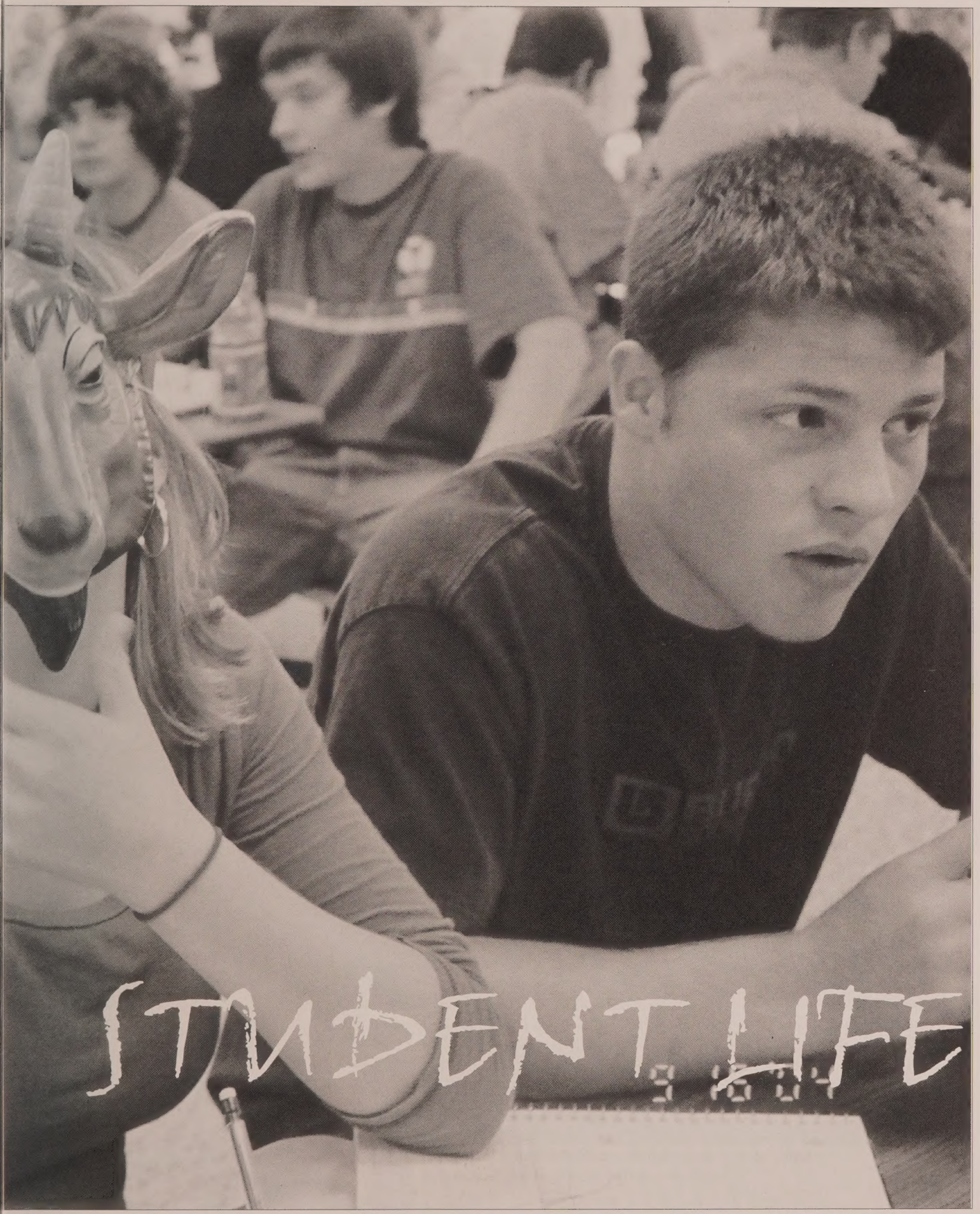




STUDENT LIFE

WILDCAT PRIDE

there is no place like 'home'-coming!

Fans, floats, and football on Friday night is the Whitko Homecoming tradition. After a week of anticipation, the 'Cats crossed the field to take on the Oak Hill Eagles. Keeping with tradition, each class displayed its float for all to see during half-time. The junior class won the competition with its *Wizard of Oz* theme.

The student body elected Todd Eviston and Angie Juricak as King and Queen, and Dane Starkey and Jenna Yeager as Mr. and Miss Congeniality. After a hard-fought battle, the 'Cats fell to the Eagles by a slim margin, but the Wildcats never gave up, and the fan's spirit never relented.

Lions, tigers, and bears, oh my! There was no 'yellow brick road', but the Juniors brought Dorothy to the field on their *Wizard of Oz* themed float. The Class of 2006, with their hard work and creativity, won the float contest.

Quentin Jenkins as Dr. Evil and Kris Shoemakeras James Bond fight for the sake of good or evil on the sophomore float, Bond 007.

Homecoming Court: Jenna Yeager, Dane Starkey, Angie Juricak, and Todd Eviston.

'The world is not enough' for Whitko sophomores. James Bond saved the day on the O07 themed float.

WILDCAT SPIRIT

without it, school would just be a building

Homecoming is not a one night celebration! Whitko celebrates all week! The week begins with Pajama day, a lazy way to show school spirit, followed by dress-up days. Tuesday night, classes rally together to create a movie theme throughout the hallways. For the first time, Student Council held "Lockin' Lips with Livestock," a fundraiser using two of Whitko's greatest assets: teachers and farm animals. On Friday afternoon, a convocation was held to recognize fall athletes and to rally school spirit. The enthusiastic spirit of Whitko students grew as the week progressed and culminated with the football game on Friday night and the crowning of the Homecoming court.

Seniors stroll through the sophomores "heavenly" hall to find haven from "Death Hill."

Angie Juricak and Amanda Nicodemus smile because the seniors won Hall Wars.

(right) Serena Miner uses her height to help Chelsey Slater fix posters in Junior Hall.

(below)Lauren St. Clair and Tika demonstrate their hula skills.

Mr. Lemler serenades faculty and students before school.

AFTER THE BELL

don't waste time, it is the stuff life is made of...

The bell rings, chairs slide across the floor, and there is a mad dash for the nearest exit. By the end of the day, students are aching to get out of the calm school environment and run wild. A variety of constructive things are available afterschool, but taking advantage of them is the key!

Whitko High School offers a wide range of extra-curricular activites ranging from sports to euchre tournaments, but students aren't limited to these things. Students have plenty of things to do when the door closes behind them at 3:00.

Traveling the world in search of adventure...

Every year students come from around the world to stay with a family in the Whitko community and learn about the American culture. Dalphine, from Hong Kong, stayed with the Whitt family and learned about the United States before, during, and after the bell rang. She loves to play piano and could put someone to sleep with Cannon in D. As a manager for the cheer squad, Daphy has become a real Whitko fan.

It's off to work we go...

Like many students, when the bell rings Charles Plummer heads to work. In Warsaw at the Hampton Inn, Charles works at the front desk and in the maintenance department. His work entails everything from answering phones, making reservations, checking guests in and out, to fixing televisions, and the occasional leaky toilet. When payday rolls around Charles puts a percentage of his earnings in savings, (just in case he gets fired) and the rest pays for his cell phone, computer, and gas bills for the month.

Outside South Whitley city limits....

Early morning departures, long mini-bus trips, and late arrivals make up students' favorite high school memories. Every year Whitko students cross the nation in all directions to conferences and conventions for different clubs and groups. In November FCCLA took eleven WHS students to Nashville, Tennesse, for their annual cluster meeting. At the beautiful Opryland Hotel, where the convention was held, FCCLA practiced being "Anything but Ordinary" students through leadership and service. Along with great speakers and singers the group toured historic downtown Nashville and visited the Hard Rock Cafe. The group came back very motivated with valuable information and some great new memories.

You can't catch me, I'm the gingerbread man...

The kitchen is no longer off limits to men; the doors have been opened, and now it is filled with students of both genders constructing and decorating gingerbread houses. There is much more to making a gingerbread house than decorating four walls; constructing the house is the most difficult part. Though this project was diffucult, students enjoyed it so much many stayed after school to work ahead or get caught up. This year forty gingerbread houses made by WHS students were exhibited at the Ft. Wayne Gingerbread Festival at the Historical Museum.

ICICLE DREAMS

Semi-Formal 2004

Everyone who attended this year's Semi-Formal had a great time in winter wonder-land. The theme of the dance, *Icicle Dreams*, accentuated the cold night of December 11 when the dance was held. The commons was decorated icicles, stars, ballons, and lights. A special congratulations to the Royal Court, Princess Nicole Alspaugh, Prince Todd Eviston, Queen Amanda Busz, and King Ross Adang. Everyone had a great time hanging out with friends and dancing.

Queen Amanda Busz and King Ross Adang share their special dance after their coronation.

(left) The Royal Court: Prince Todd Eviston, Princess Nicole Alspaugh, Queen Amanda Busz, and King Ross Adang.

(left) Prince Todd Eviston and Princess Nicole Alspaugh share a laugh as they dance.

(above) Kylee Brown and Eric Howard seem to be having a great time as they dance the night away.

(above)Jamie Westness and Malon Kraft pose for the camera between dances.

(above) Senior Jordan Grissom watches as his classmates weld behind the ultraviolet screen, protecting him from sparks and light.

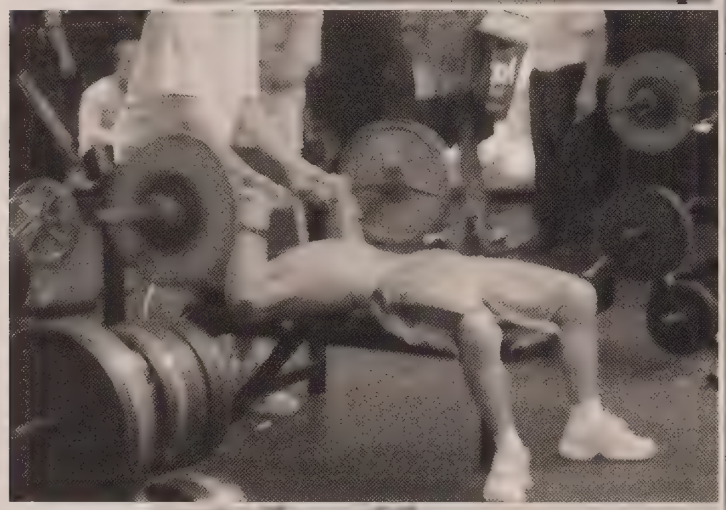
(right) Kyle Facks and Tyler Elder work with the metal lathe during fifth period.

UNKNOWN ARTISTS
the men behind the masks

Sparks flying, drills grinding, and students hard at work are just a few of the sights and sounds found when walking through D-Wing. Welding and Metal classes create everything from simple brass hammers to the more complicated Super Mileage Car, a competition among Indiana Schools to build a car with the best mileage. A sixth place finish in the 2004 contest was a great honor for the Wildcats who developed the contraption. The skills and craftsmanship taught in D-Wing prepare students for their future careers.

As a senior, Jake Wise has a lot of experience repairing chairs for the school.

In Physical Education classes students learn life- long sports such as tennis.



(middle) Is there a man behind those muscles? Students test their limits during weight lifting.

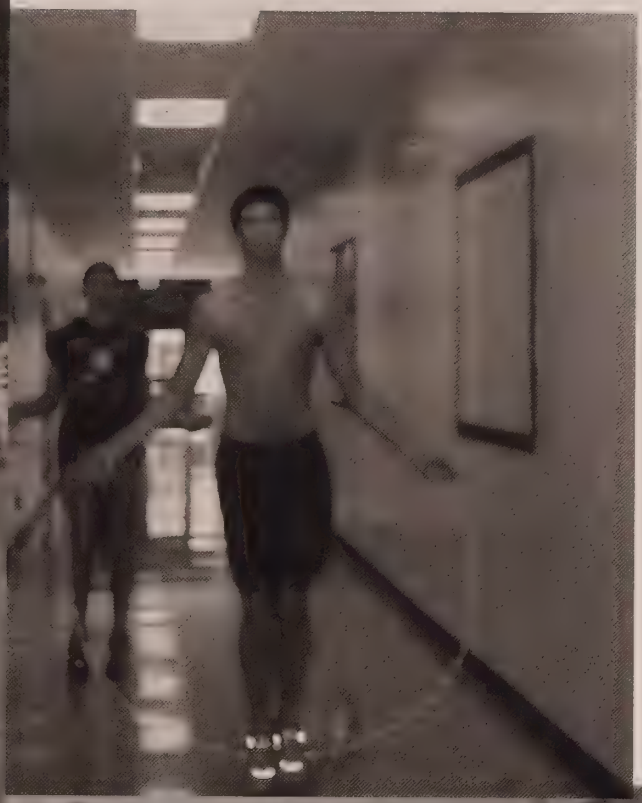
(bottom) Fifth period class plays football during one of the nice September days.

Austin Sylvester is the next Pele.

WHITKO FITNESS

there's nothing better than a healthy 'Cat

As the bell signals the start of class, students run to the locker room, anxious to get started. Fitness is important for everyone, so why not stay fit while having fun in gym class? Everyday students stretch and warm up, and then continue with games ranging from softball to ultimate football. From mandatory Freshmen PE to Recreation, Whitko offers students a variety of opportunities to stay in shape.



(top right) Have you ever tried double dutch? Jeremy Whitiker goes back to childhood games in an Advanced PE class.

(lower right) Sophomore Latt Babcock tries to hide from the camera while riding the exercise bike.

Morning ICE

Row 1: Robby Harris, Nic Simison, Chelsey Rowland, Ross Adang, Nate Alspaugh, Abby Iddles. Row 2: Ryne Winger, Angie Phillips, Sondra Engle, Ron Wilson, Jaclyn Glaze, Nathan Werstler.

Afternoon I.C.E.

Row 1: Rebecca Jersey, Amanda Green, Katie Addison, Leanne Miller, Rachel Peters, Stacey Manning, Alice Caudill. Row 2: Stephanie Rhoades, Caitlin Sauter, Jacky Arnett, Amanda Busz, Angie Juricak, Amanda Nicodemus. Row 3: Brandon Cloud, Nate Hart, Matt Tracy, Tyler Wilkinson, Adam Haegert. Row 4: Heath Harmon, Corey Spangle, Steven Elder.

H.A.N.D.S

Row 1: Amanda Nicodemus, Jeff Sprunger, Calli Duggins. Row 2: Laura Kessie.

KYLA

Row 1: Elizabeth Myers, Ben Nault. Row 2: Kaitlin Kessie, Jayanna Begley.

Academic Team

Row 1: Alexis Lepley, Ashley Newswanger, Timi Grant, Emily Barnes, Mr. Mann. Row 2: Nghia Tang, Keith Winget, Stacey Mannning, Johney Amburgy.

Student Council

Row 1: Diane Beets, McKenzie Swihart, Lauren St. Clair, Brad Smith, Tara Lukens. Row 2: Ryan Yocum, Randy Wilkinson, Taylor Kessie, Jarad Eberly, Travis Christman, Ben Nault. Row 3: Kaleb Swender, Amanda Christman, Jill Wendel, Katey Wheeler, Katie Strandlund, Whitney Shepherd.

Spanish Club

Row 1: Esther Brenneman, Kate Gerard, Alexis Lepley, Stefani Coble, Brooke Weber, Jenna Yeager, McAaron Kraft. Row 2: Nicole Taylor, Whitney Shepherd, Brianna Couch, Robert Watkins. Row 3: Portia Brubaker, Audrie Simison, Bud Ousley.

Drama Club

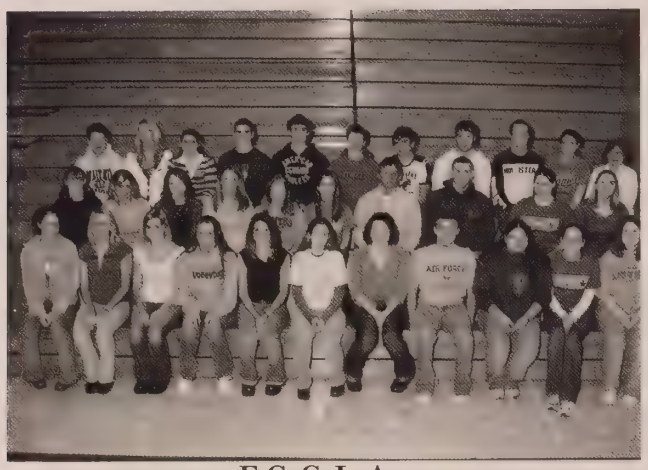
Row 1: John Ronk, Quentin Jenkins, Andrea Socha, Jessica Moore. Row 2: Timi Grant, Jacob Hinkle, Amanda Strang, Tiffany Secor, Melinda Salmons. Row 3: Ashley Newswanger, Wesley Williams, Ben Nault, Evan Williams.

Media Arts

Row 1: Ashley Maynare, Anita Picco, Emily Dellinger, Caitlin Sautter, Josie Patino, Jennifer Phillips, Mrs. Smiley. Row 2: Brandon Cloud, Robert Watkins, Andrew Kane, Kristy Jeffrey, John Carroll, Kylee Brown, Dan Rupley. Row 3: Todd Eviston, Josh Fox, Joe Mynhier, Tristan Brubaker, Bruce Reinhart, Blake Truman.

B.P.A.

Row 1: Shelby Kreger, Katie Trump, Jayanna Begley. Row 2: Serena Miner, Chelsey Slater, Kartika Hariyana, Katie Strandlund, McKenzie Swihart, Adrienne Carrico, Courtney Hartman. Row 3: Emily Barnes, Tyler Wilkinson, Amanda Busz, Diane Beets, Corey Spangle, Dawn Bayles. Row 4: Jennifer Keplinger, Dalphine Kwan, Nicole Watson, Brittney Pherigo, Kate Gerard.



F.C.C.L.A.

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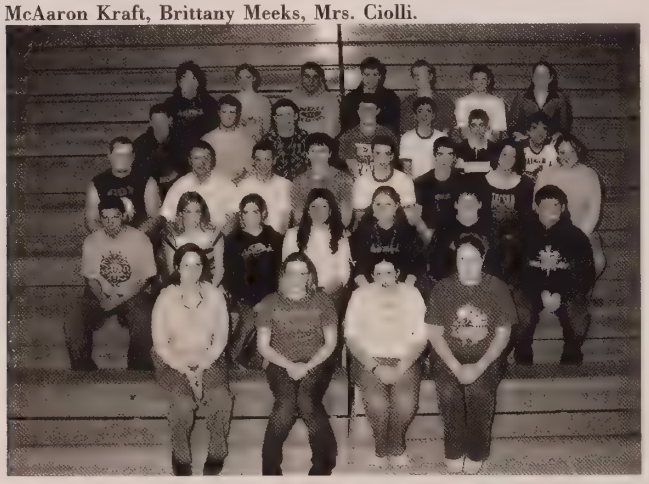


FFA

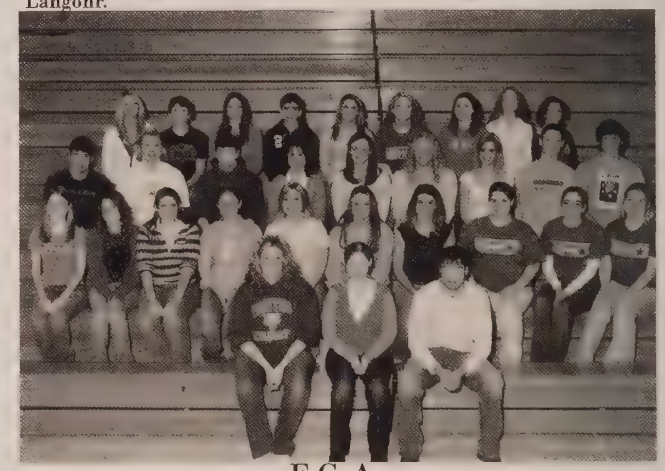
Row 1: Mrs. Nixon, Mindy Salmons, Cari Sherbahn, Mindy Kessie. Row 2: Eric Rodriguez, Brandy Studebaker, Jennalin Gebert, Abby Hicks, Alicia Collier, Andrew Nicodemus, Adam Nicodemus. Row 3: Nick Heinold, Andrew Kessie, Jason Landrigan, Brian Boggs, Randy Wilkinson, Ryan Yocum, Amanda Nicodemus. Row 4: Jake Landrigan, Chad Landis, Eli Wise, Dayne Richards, Taylor Kessie, Eric Ellison, Shannon Sleighter. Row 5: Terin Hopkins, Michelle Larson, Jake Wise, Andrew Cleland, Kyle Wood, Christopher Snyder, Laura Kessie.

N.H.S

Row 1: Jenna Roman, Mindy Salmons, Tiffany Secor, Beth Kiser, Mrs. Longenbaugh, Stacey Manning, Emily Barnes, Alexis Lepley. Row 2: Jenna Yeager, Jenna Mishler, Kyle Wright, Melinda Kessie, Katie Langohr, Alice Caudill, Wesley Williams, Janice Rogers, Ben Nault. Row 3: Chelsey Slater, Josh Cripe, Dawn Bayles, Diane Beets, Jacky Arnett, Caitlin Sautter, Serena Miner, Angie Juricak, Melissa McDonald, Stephanie Rhodes, Amanda Nicodemus. Row 4: Jeff Sprunger, Leah Winger, Amanda Busz, Katie Trump, Kaitlin Kessie, Elizabeth Myers, Jayanna Begley, Katie Strandlund, McKenzie Swihart, Brad Smith, Josh Licata.

PEER Tutoring

Row 1: Richelle Jefferson, Sara Shafer, Kayla Espinoza, Mrs. Datzman, Lauren St. Clair, Kate Gerard, Beth Kiser. Row 2: Christina Nieto, Katie Addison, Kaitlin Kessie, Brooke Weber, Elizabeth Myers, McKenzie Swihart, Katie Strandlund, Brett King. Row 3: Stephanie Jones, Janice Rogers, William Swihart, Sam Lung, Heather Amburgy, Rachel Peters, Kristin Gerrard, Katie Langohr.



F.C.A.

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Sunshine Society

Row 1: Mrs. Snep, Justin Kurtz, Brad Smith, Nicole Taylor, Adam Vandergriff, McAaron Kraft, Katie Langohr, Marissa Mudrack, Mrs. Niman. Row 2: Josh Licata, Adam Gardner, Amanda Crosser, Brittany Holler, Brianna Couch, Whitney Shepherd, Joni Bowers, Sara Elder, Ranae Henderson, Josh Blair. Row 3: Mallory Shepherd, Janee Ramirez, Kelsey Stephens, Veronica Jersey, Tami Whitt, Katie Strandlund, Brooke Weber, Sam Lung, Stefani Coble, Jenna Yeager, Micheal Palazzolo. Row 4: Litasha Blair, Reva Patrick, Fred Stoffel, Tara Lukens, Amber Kyles, Whitley Staller, Alicia Collier, Katie Trump, Leah Winger, Travis Kurtz. Row 5: Kayla Hartman, Nicol Sexton, Tiffany Puckett, Victoria Anderson, Karie Juillerat, Cari Sherbahn, William Swihart, Tiffany Penn, Matt Holmes.

S.A.D.D.

Row 1: Mrs. Weybright, Emily Barnes, Angie Phillips, Jennifer Phillips. Row 2: Katey Wheeler, Briana Couch, Trenda Bradley, Kayla Hartman, Nicol Sexton, Beth Kiser, Alicia Collier, Kaylee Lepper, Alicia Collier, Adam Nicodemus. Row 3: Amber Krider, Star Krider, Kate Gerard, Diane Beets, Sara Shafer, Amanda Strang, Stephanie Shafer, Amanda Nicodemus, Christina Nieto, Janice Rogers. Row 4: Daniel Wilson, Jaclyn Glaze, Kayla Sims, Britni Turner, Kyle Wright, Brittany Meeks, Alexis Lepley, Ashley Newswanger. Row 5: Jessica Protzman, Bud Ousley, Brittany Holler, Nicole Taylor, Ryan Ebert, William Swihart, Dani Spillers, Richelle Meeks, Pamela Warner. Row 6: Jennalin Gebert, Vanessa Cleland, Junior Reinhart, Jalessa Hendrickson, Kayla Espinoza, CJ Baker, Jessica Miles, Adam Vandergriff, Donnie Wallen. Row 7: Susan Penn, John Ronk, Katie Richardson, Andrew Nicodemus, Brooke Walters, Heather Bartz, Samantha Bollinger, Terin Hopkins, Heidi Bartz.

Campus Life

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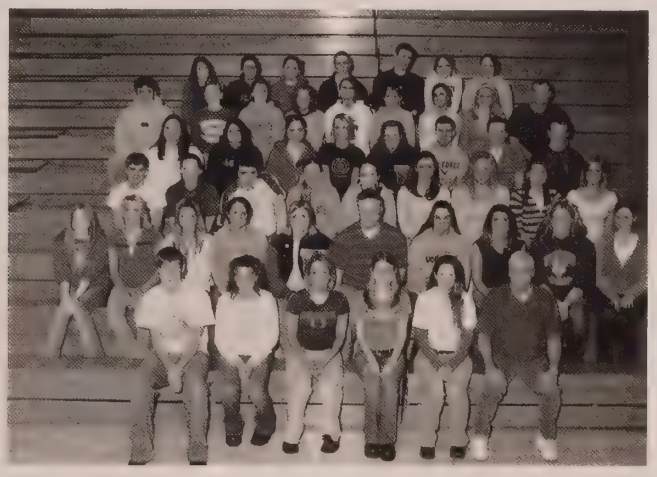

Art Club

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HOW TO BOIL WATER

learning through trial and error

Reading, writing, and 'rithmetic aren't the only life long skills taught in school. Mrs. Ciolli works with students everyday, teaching everything from nutrition to basic household skills. Students learn about culture worldwide while they become comfortable using kitchens much like those found in their own homes. All group members participate daily, learning new skills and recipes. Students also bring knowledge from home to teach others. "I taught Dawn Bayles how to take a dish out of the oven, and she taught me how to make Kool Aid," said senior, Lauren St. Clair. Junior, Chelsey Slater agrees commenting, "We don't all have the same experiences, so we count on each other in class." These classes provide a great way to have fun while learning some great real life skills.

(above) From burning food to making Kool-Aid Jenna Yeager, Dawn Bayles, and Brook e Weber do it all.

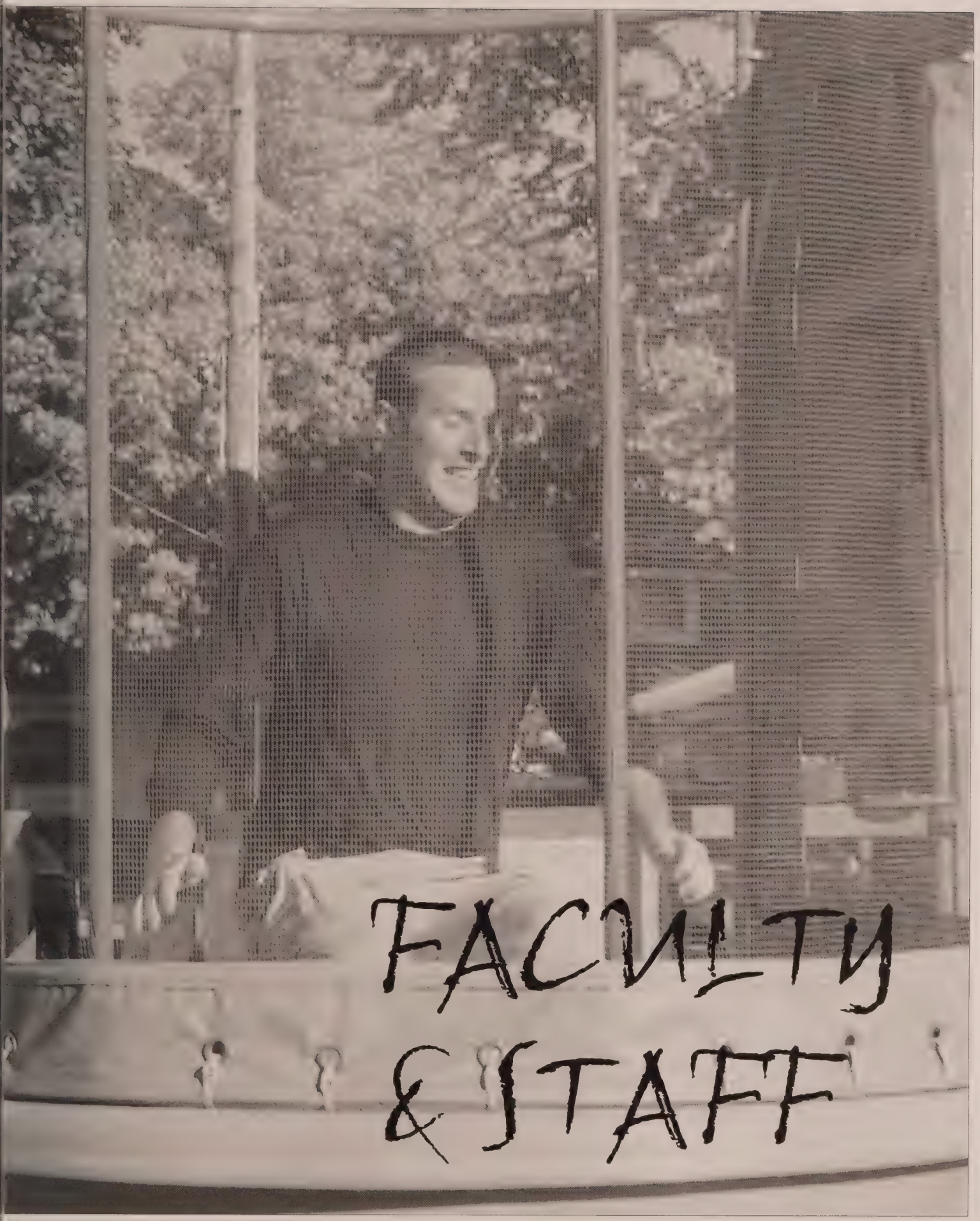
(right) Rochelle Jefferson and Courtney Maggert make great recipes during Nutrition and Wellness.

(left) Hey good lookin', whatcha got cookin'? Lynette Holst cooks a delicious concotion during Nutrition and Wellness.
(below) Chelsey Slater takes her turn as the Wednesday dishwasher for her group.

(above) Mrs. Ciolli's students make sure the class is far from boring.

(left) Josiah Roebuck hurries to win the table setting competition with hopes of receiving the traveling centerpiece prize.

THEY MAKE THE MARKS



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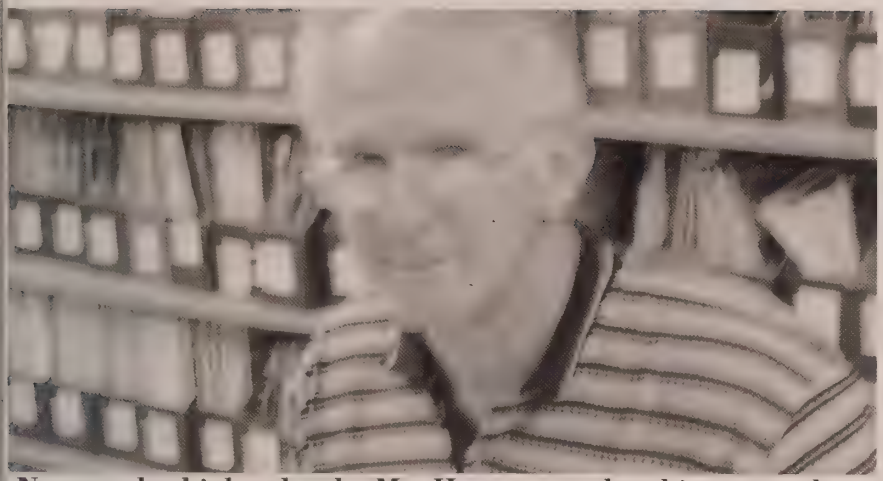

New to the high school, Mr. Hartup teaches history and geography.

Ms. Nixon, first year teacher, teaches her high school agriculture classes.

Always busy, Mr. Dyck uses some of his time for computer work.

Mrs. Smiley gives final instructions for the assignment to her English class.

Mixing fun with exercise, Ms. Draper teaches the basics of wiffleball.

Diane Begley
Joe Begley
Tara Brandon
Carolyn Buckmaster
Ron Cherry
Diane Ciolli

Phil Cox
Tammy Datzman
Jenny Draper
Don Dyck
Betty Fetro
Jerry Gidley

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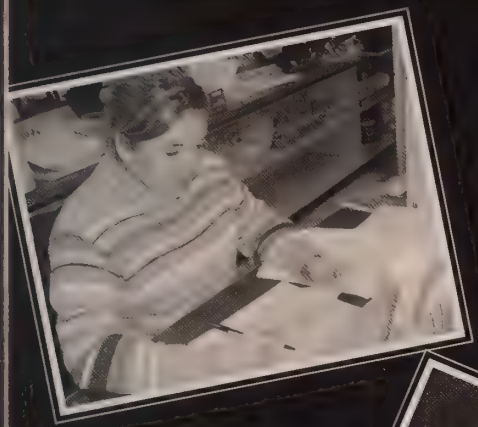
Great Laughs

What is the funniest thing that ever happened to you as a teacher?



"One time, the anatomy class convinced the freshmen that the floor was retractable with a pool underneath, and the anatomy class swam everyday!"
-Tara Brandon

"One time, on a test it had Y or N, and a student raised their hand and asked 'What's 'yorn' mean?'"
-Don Zawlocki

"One time, in the lost and found, there was a mouse in one of the sweaters, and it made me jump on my desk."
-Brenda Snep

"On my first day here, I heard Charles Plummer and Stephanie Campbell talk and draw about their cat they ran over and killed!"
-Danielle Wells

John Strayer
Tammy Studebaker

Wayne Swender
Tracy Terrill

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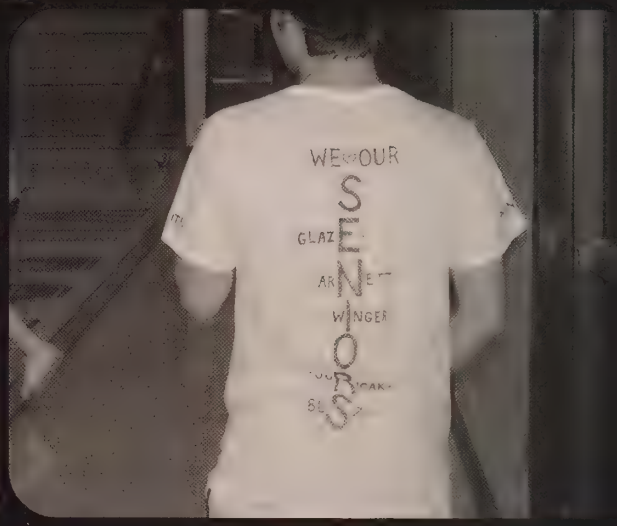
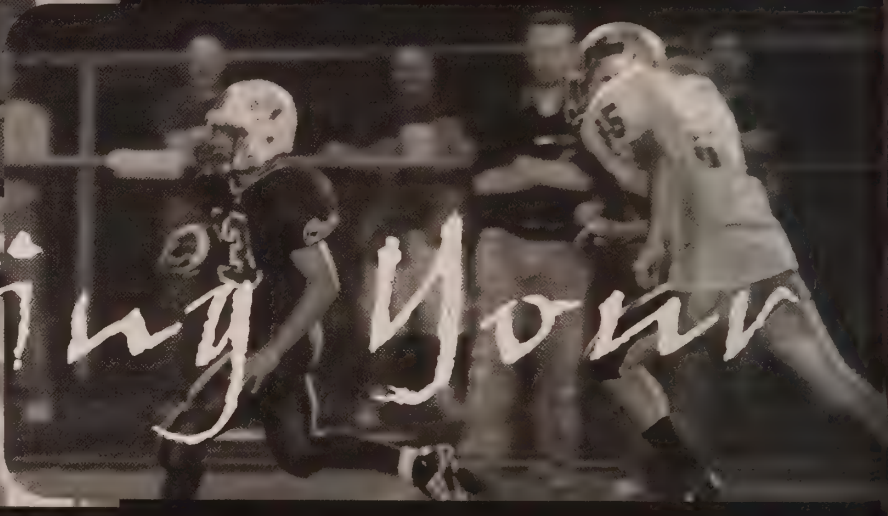
class of 2005





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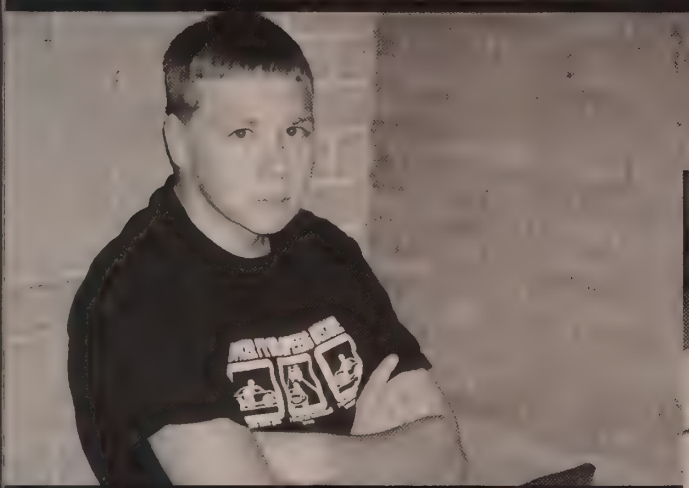
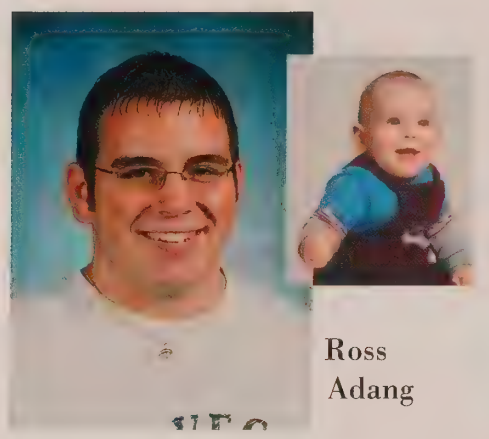
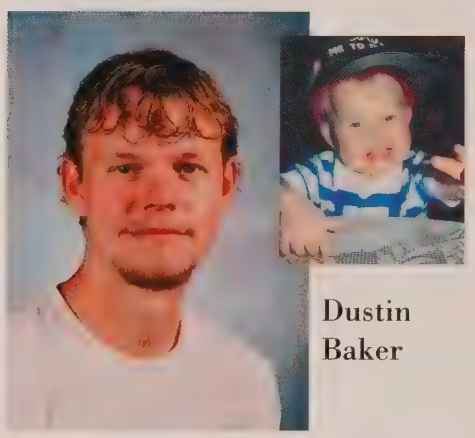




Ross Adang

Katherine Addison

Halie Allen



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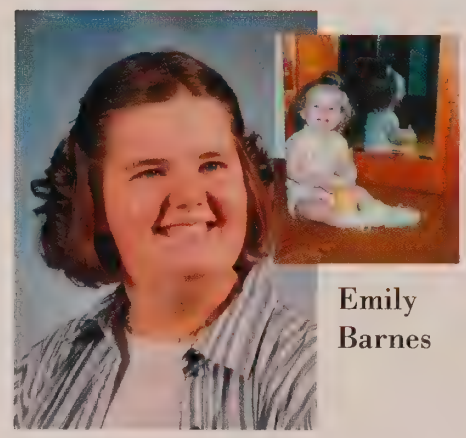

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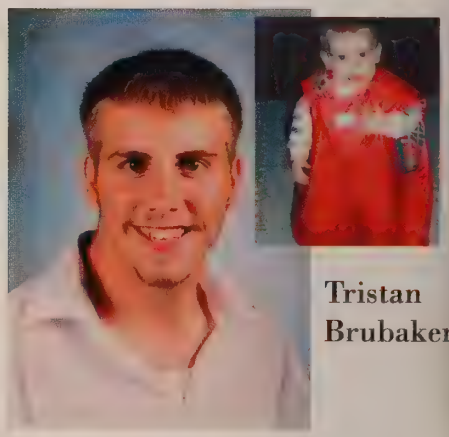

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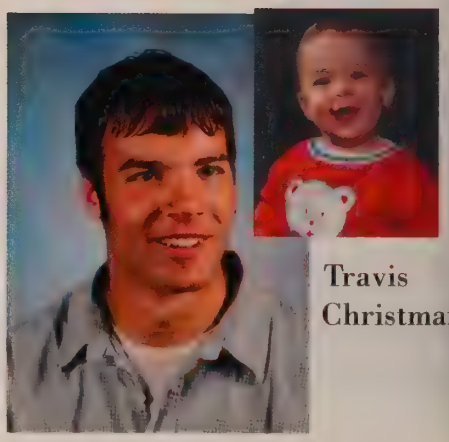

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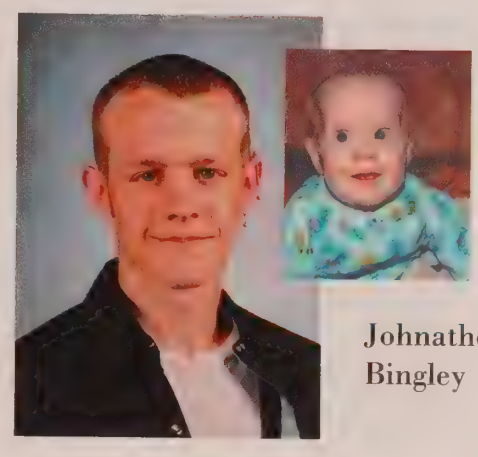

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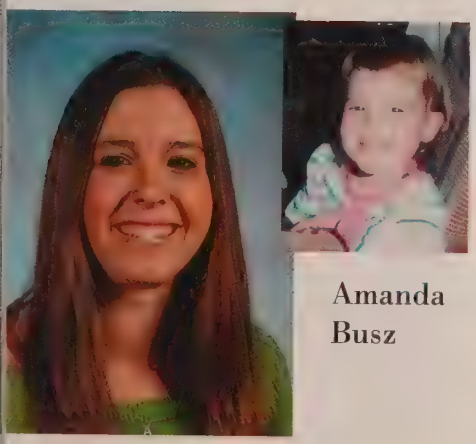

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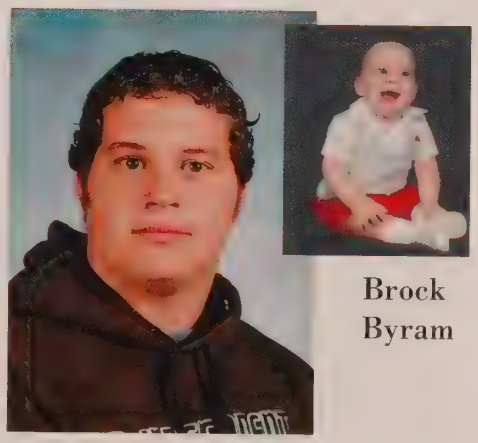

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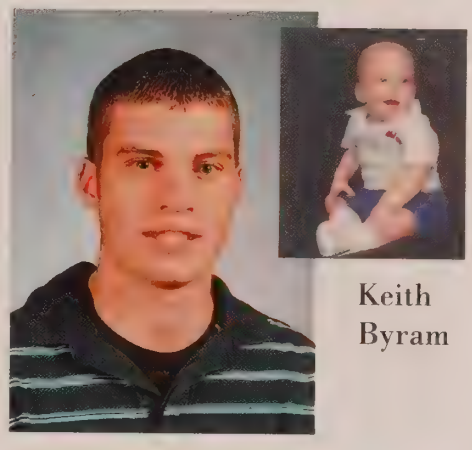

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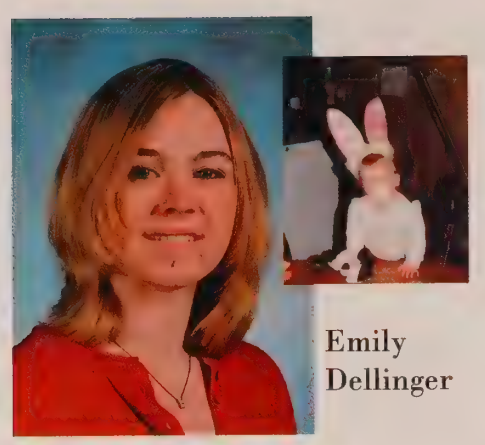

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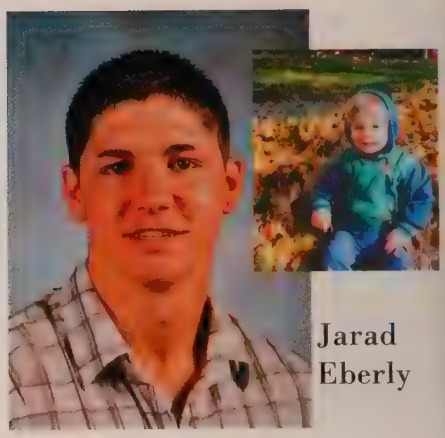

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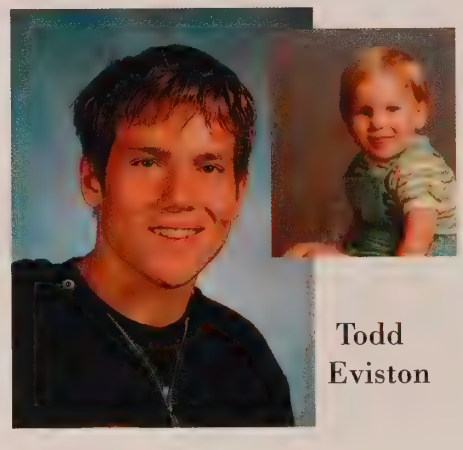

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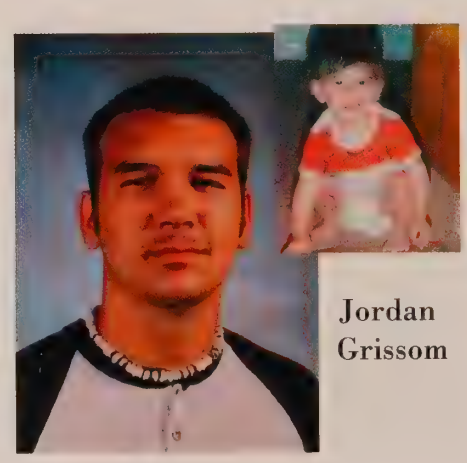

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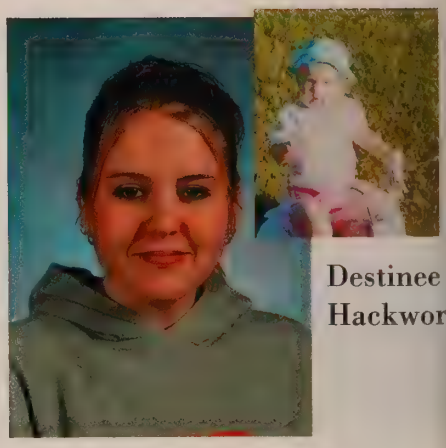

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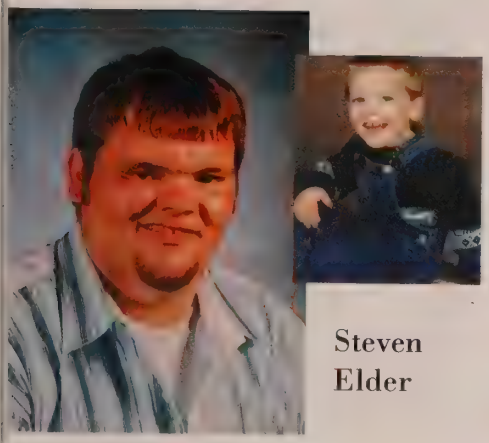

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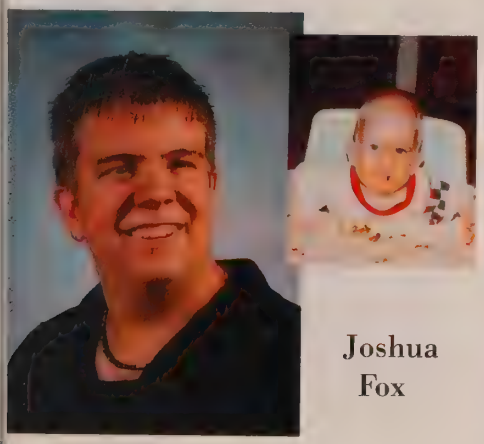

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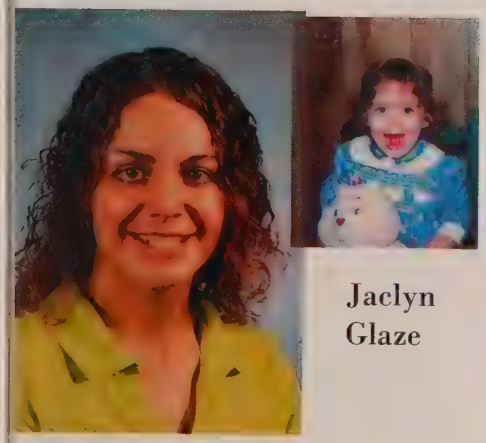

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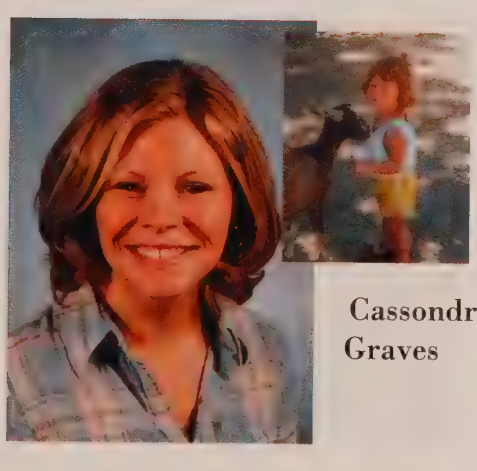

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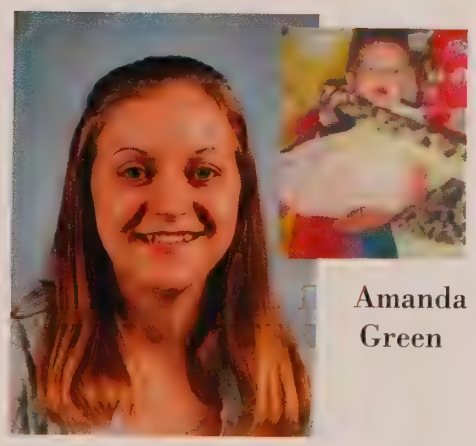

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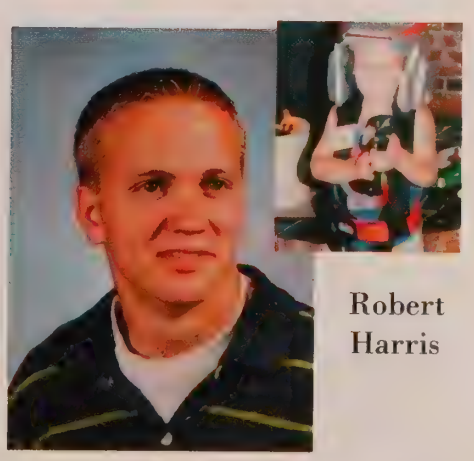

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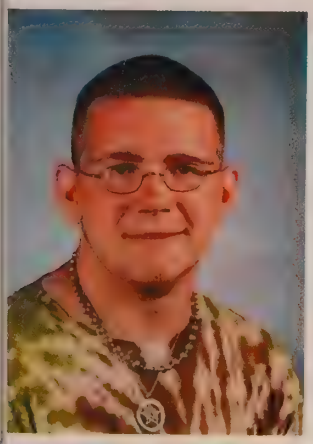

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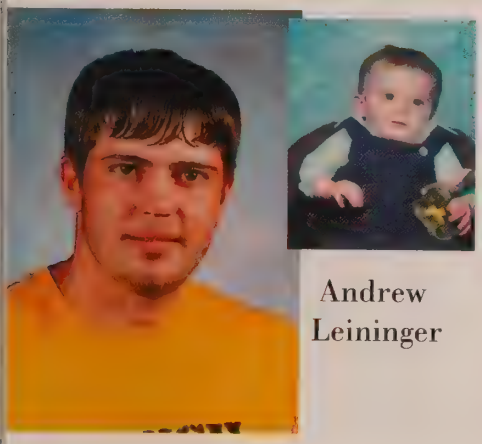

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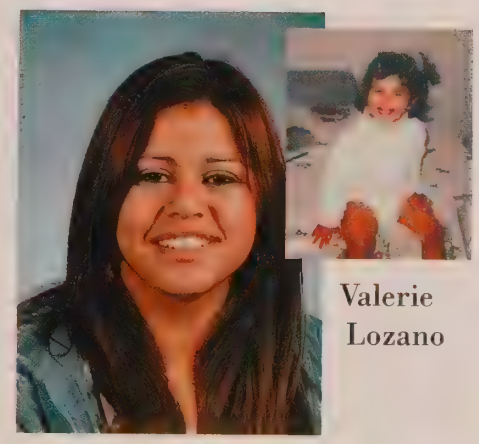

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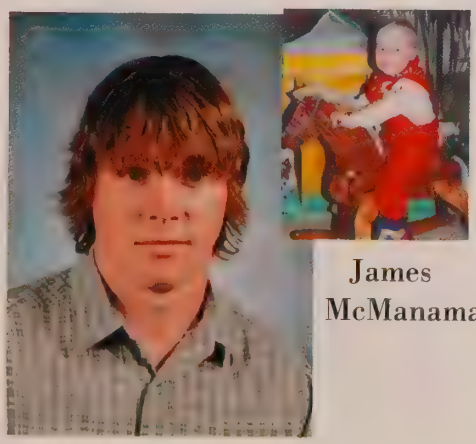

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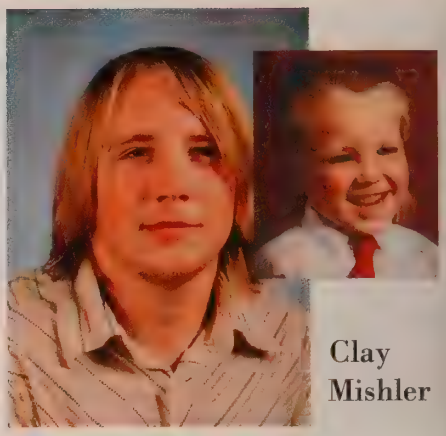

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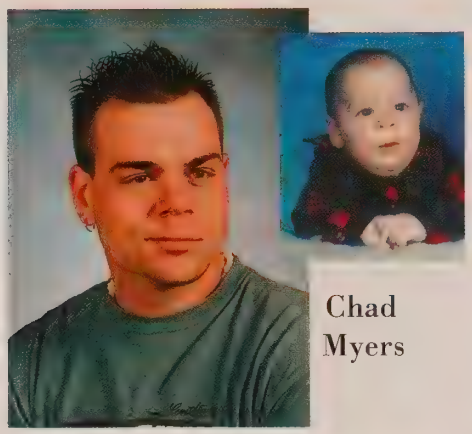

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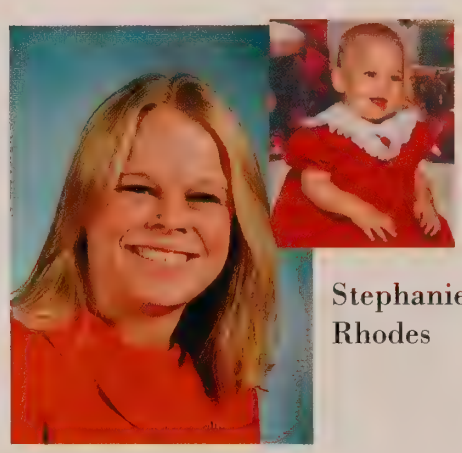

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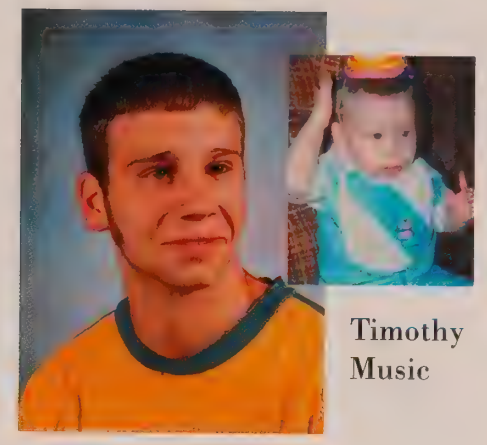

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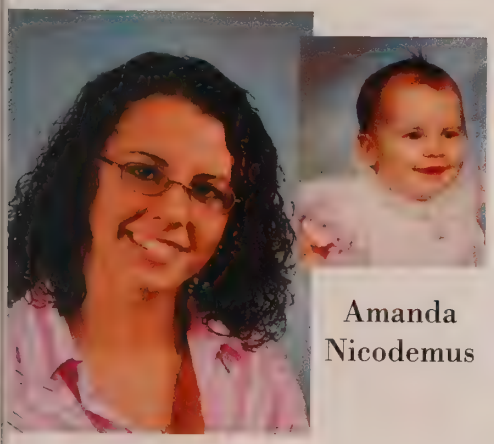

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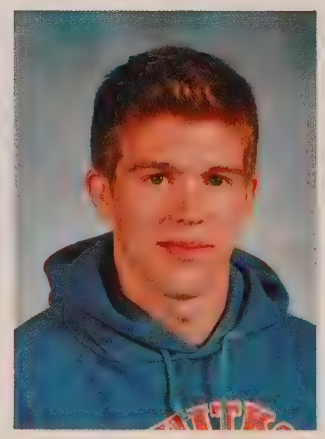

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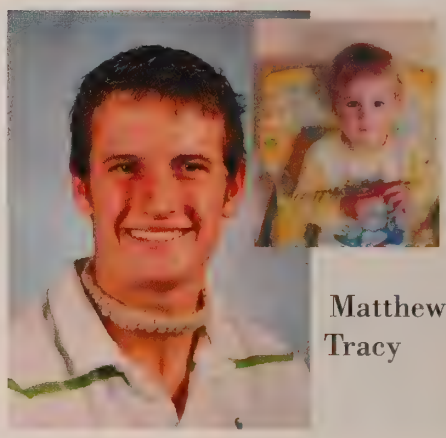

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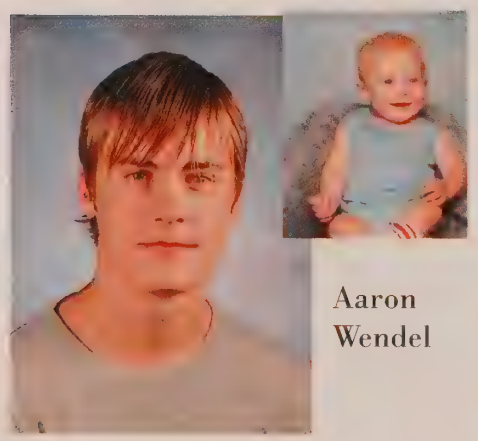

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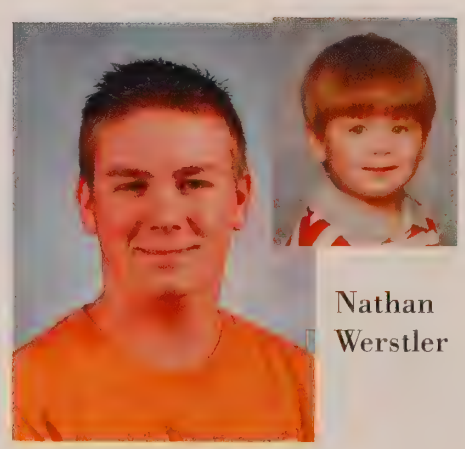

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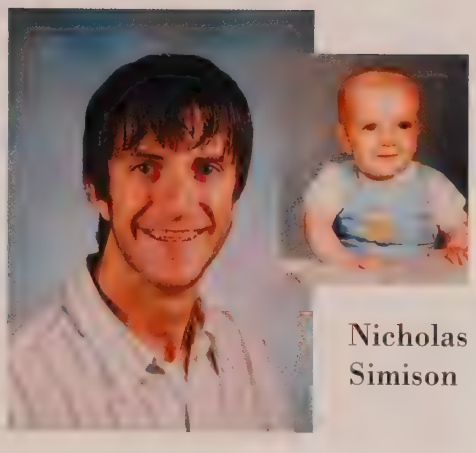

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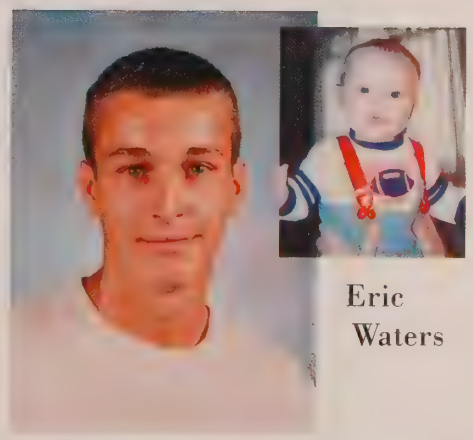

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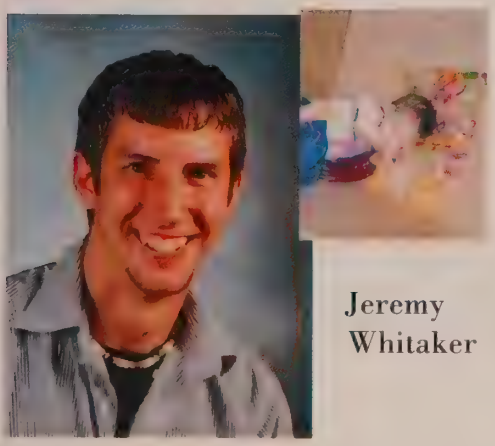

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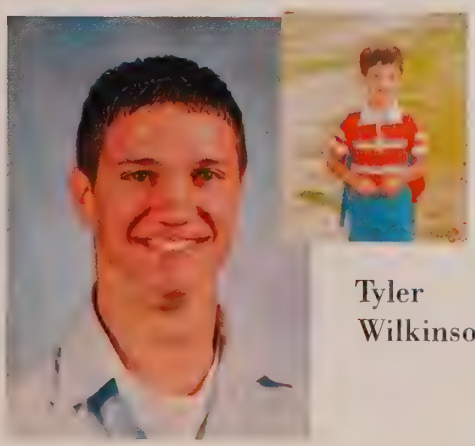

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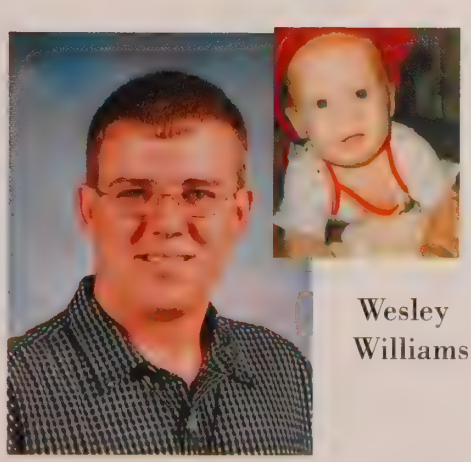

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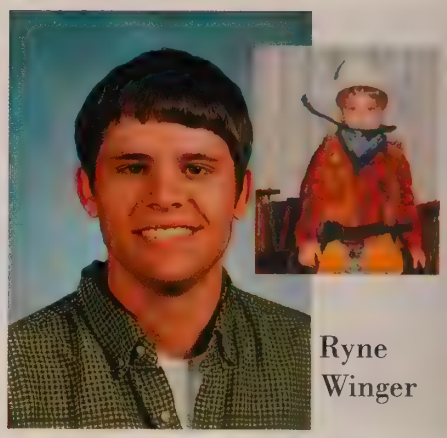

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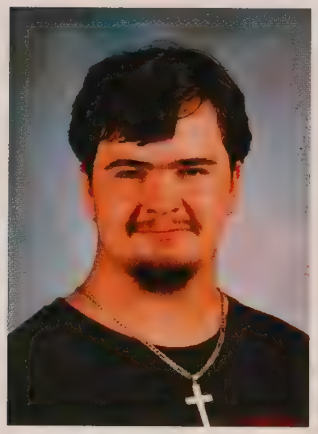
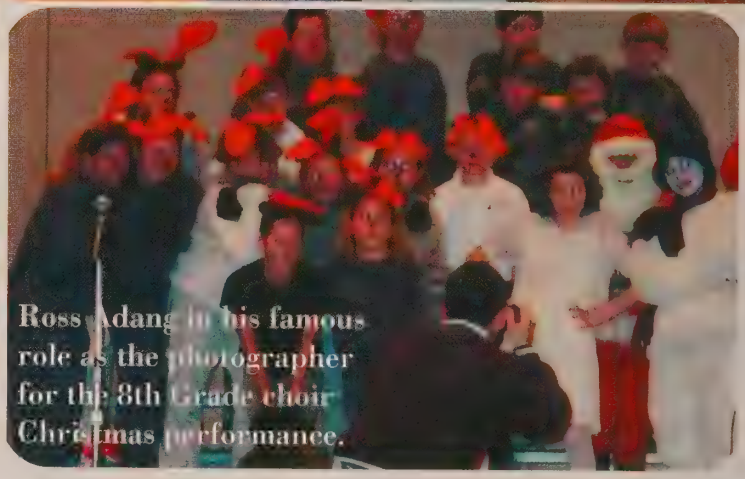


Kyle Wright

The cast of The Merchant of Venice, Mrs. Sprunger's 4th Grade Reading class.

Emily [illegible] and Jacky Venette at the Museum of Science and Industry in 8th Grade.

[illegible], Jason Woods, [illegible] Keith Byram [illegible] the lunch table in 8th Grade.



Ross Adang in his famous role as the photographer for the 8th Grade choir Christmas performance.

Keith Winget

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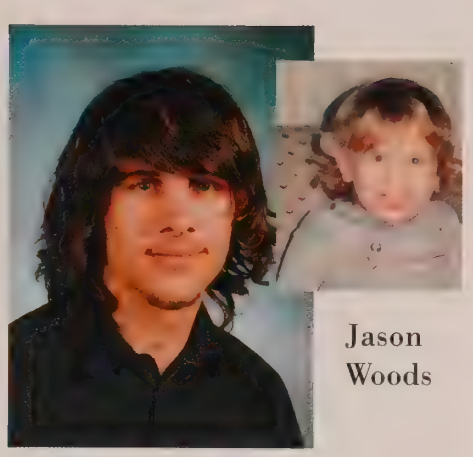
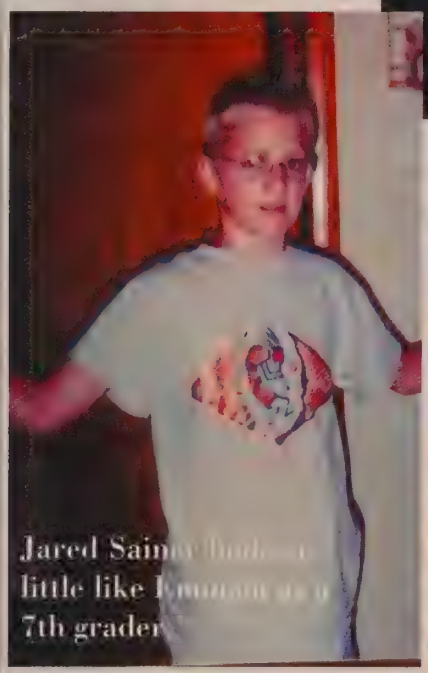


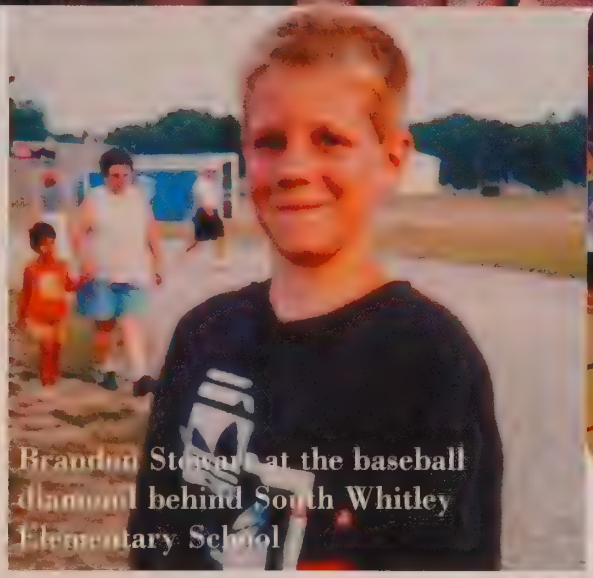
Jason Woods

[illegible] Williams and Todd [illegible] good [illegible] de

Chelsey Rowland, Mary [illegible], Sarah Metzter, Halie Allen, and [illegible] Phillips on a field trip to the Gene Stratton Porter Estate in 4th Grade.

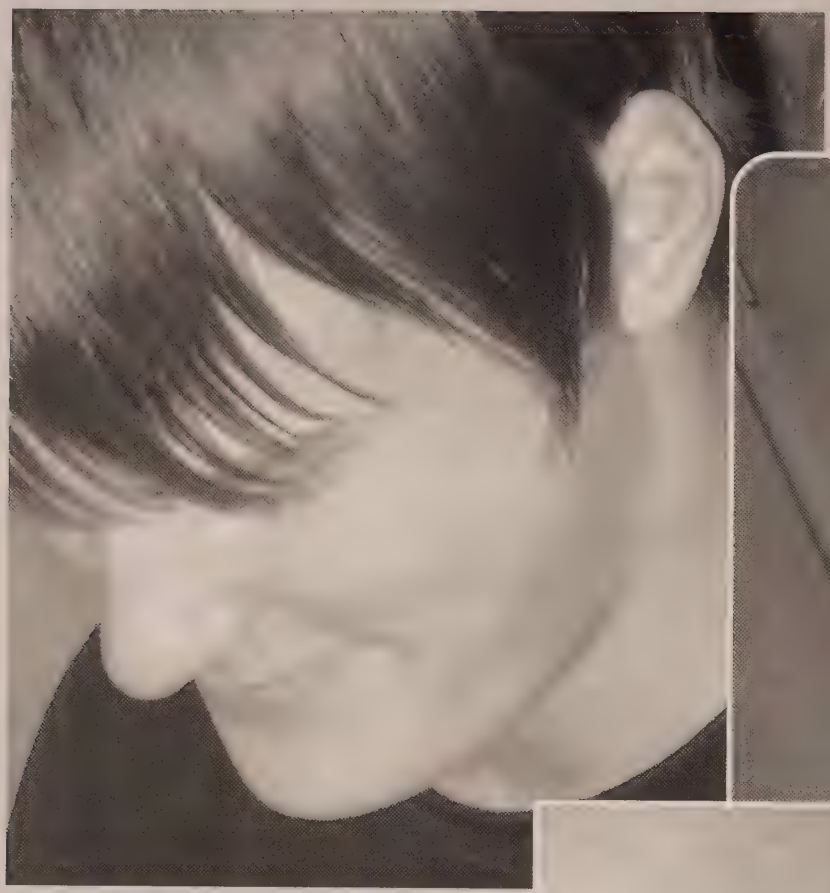


Jared Saine looks a little like Eminem as a 7th grader.



Brandon Stewart at the baseball diamond behind South Whitley Elementary School.

Jarad Eberly and Lauren St. Clair as secret love birds in The Tempest as 8th graders.



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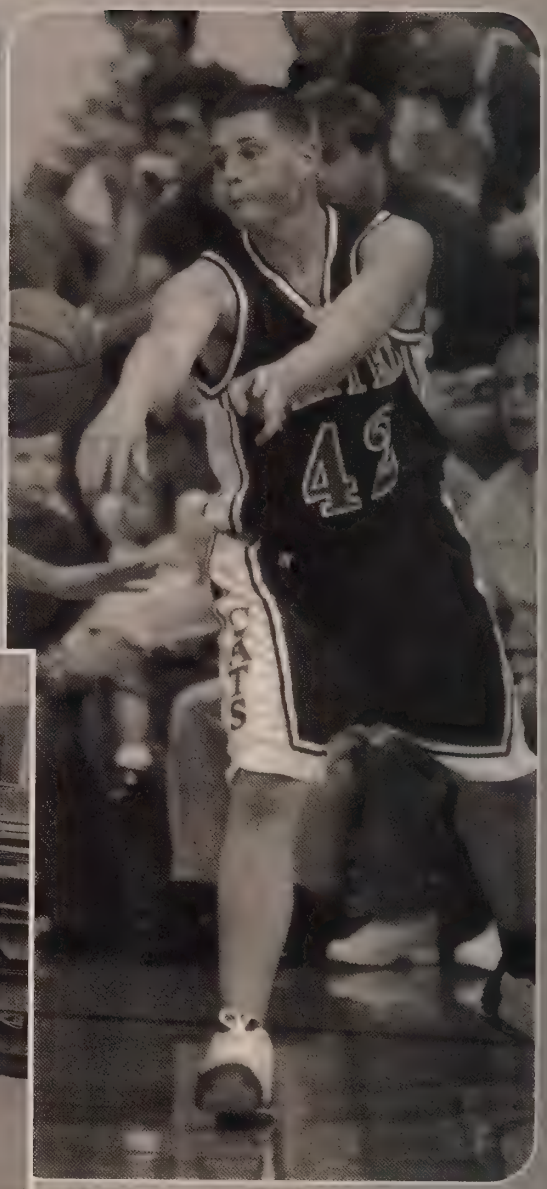
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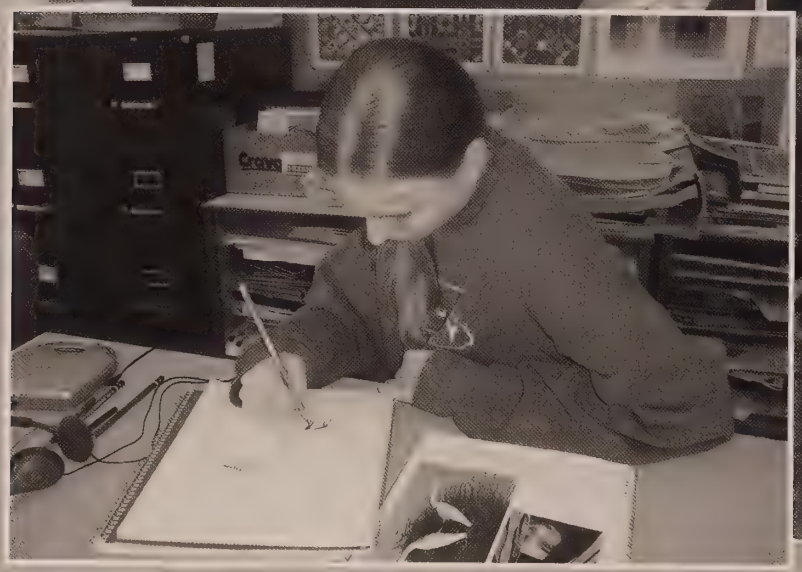

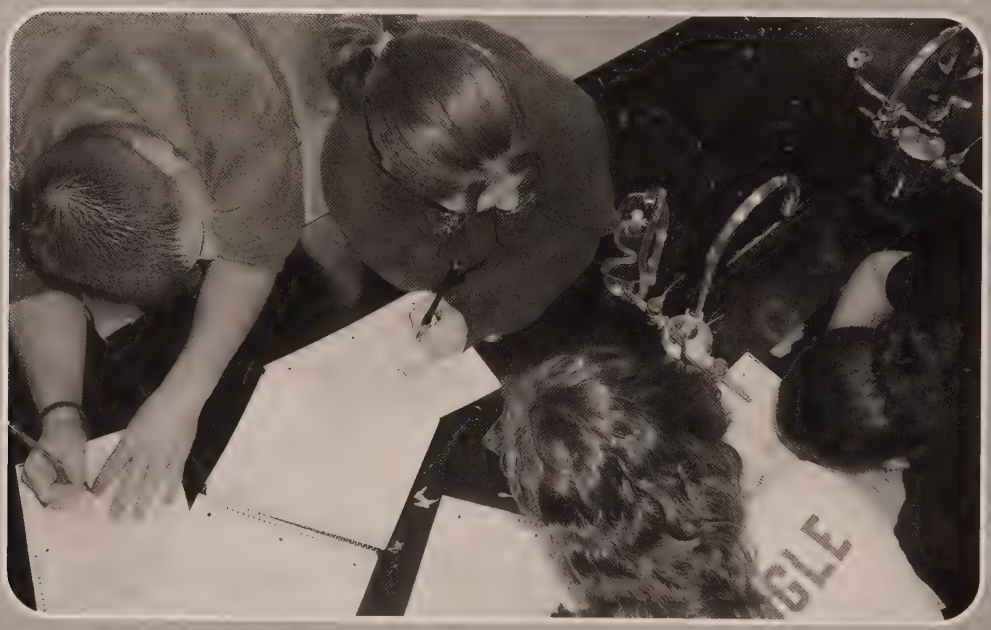
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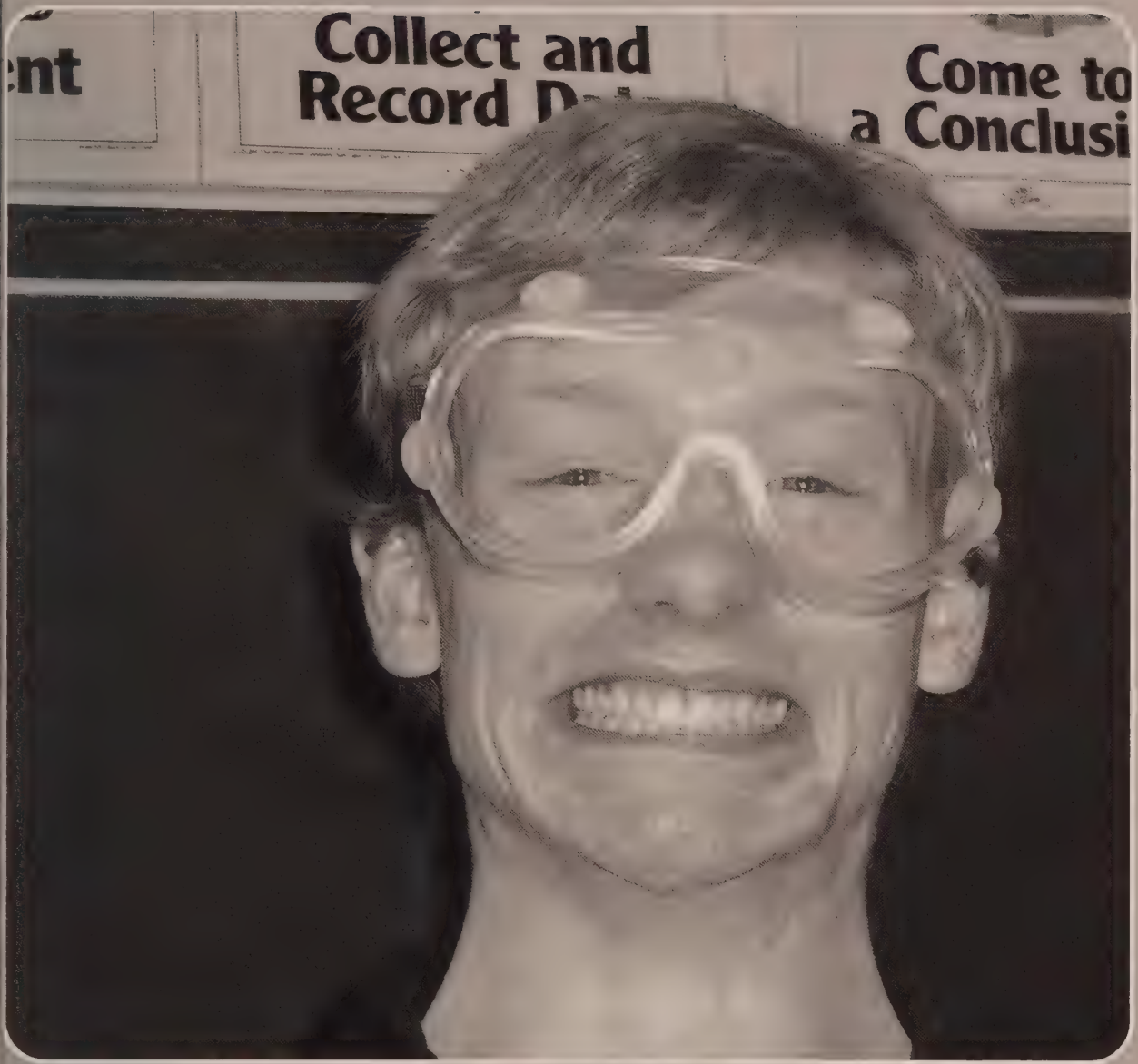

(above right) For four years, Keith Winget has participated in Whitko's English and Fine Arts Academic Team. Keith has found the extra time he spends studying for Academic Team has helped him to be a better student today.

SENIOR STARS

finishing with high marks

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COMMUNITY SERVICE

Students Lend a Helping Hand...

Many do not realize the amount of service Whitko High School students do on a daily basis. From helping a teacher out to saving a life with their own blood, students have shown their commitment to our community time and time again. It seems everytime we turn around we are being challenged to help the community in a new way. This year "Operation Seeds of Hope" was introduced to send sunflower seeds and letters outside of our small community to American soldiers oversears in Iraq and Afghanistan. Again, WHS rose to the challenge and raised 250 pounds of sunflower seeds and sent over 400 letters to those sacrificing for the rights and freedoms we pocess as Americans.

What... you use needles for this?!?

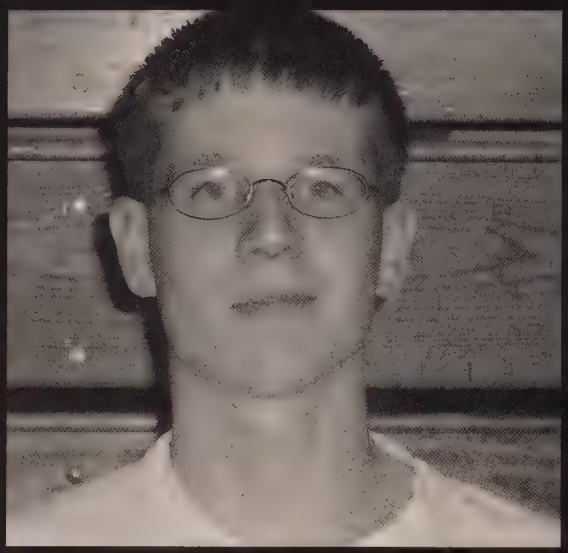
"Even though I got a needle stuck in my arm, it was for a good cause," donar Nik Simison said about his experience at the Whitko High School Blood Drive. Aside from the pain of a few students, with the help of the Red Cross, the 2004 blood drive was a sucess. Whitko High School donated even more blood than the Red Cross had expected. As a veteran blood donar, Simison was not very surprised by the happenings of his experience, but he told our staff "It was exciting to watch Tyler Wilkinson pass out and drink all of the free Pepsi." But all joking aside, Nik said it felt great to help the community with such a small effort.

Behind the desk with Katie Langhor...

Answering phones, running errends, delivering messages -- for the past two years Katie Langhor has been assisting in the Front Office putting her secratorial skills to use. With new help in the front office Katie was able to teach Mrs. Snep a thing or two, and help her with her new, demanding job.

Students teaching students...

Everyday numerous high school students put their talents to use helping elementary and middle school students through Peer Tutoring. Elizabeth Myers helps Mrs. Gawthrop with her third grade class at South Whitley Elementary. "It is a wild class so I have a new appreciation for teachers," Myers says, "I don't want to be a teacher, but I really enjoy kids. They say some really cute things and it makes my job there fun."



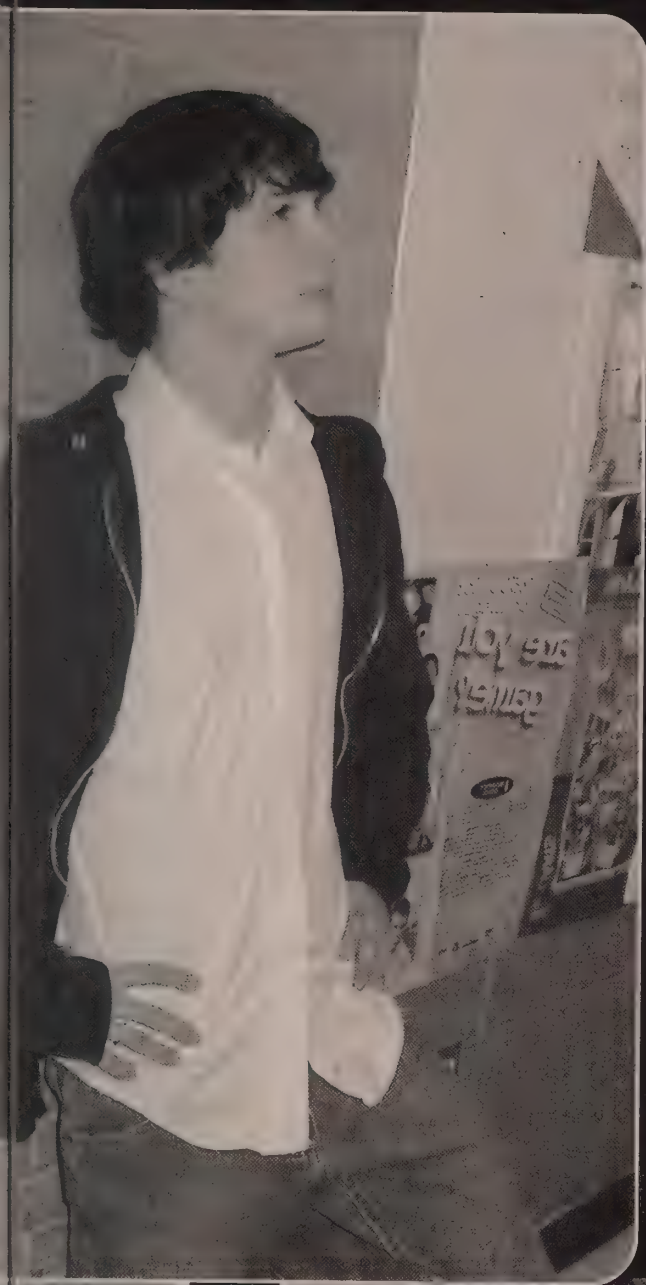
Soon after graduation Brandon Stewart leaves to join the United States Marine Corps in San Diego, California.

The challenge and the respect received when becoming a U.S. Marine attracted Brandon to the Corps; and with the encouragement of his family, he is excited to become one of the few and the proud.

When mid-July rolls around and most of us are working or relaxing by the pool, John "Corky" Carroll will be packing his bags and heading for basic training in San Antonio, Texas, at Lackland Air Force Base. Corky doesn't sign the contract until July 22; but with the leadership of his father, being a part of the United States Air Force has been a part of his dream since childhood. After basic Corky will then go to Keesler Air Force Base in Mississippi for his technical training.

Make money fast...

Applying for college is the easy part, paying for those years of education is a whole different story. Scholarship searching is a crucial part of the year for many seniors. Through internet searches or frequent visits to the guidance department, students find scholarships and apply for as many as they can, or have the energy to apply for! Filling out essays, tracking extra-curricular activities, asking for letters of recommendation, all of the important parts of the application process are never easy. Tami Whitt searches the scholarship board for opportunities for financing her college experience.



NOW I HAVE MY DIPLOMA

where do I go from here?

After crossing the stage, shaking the Principal's hand, and sitting quietly watching friends from childhood take the same walk, one wonders , "I have my diploma...where do I go from here?" So many choices are available after high school that students practically have a clean slate to start anew. Many will begin working; others will go to college or a technical school; some will join the military; maybe a few will pick up a backpack and set off on a new adventure. With so much opportunity and independence, many graduates become very intimidated by the choices facing them. The best way to confront fear is with knowledge; learning about all the the opportunities before graduation helps to prepare the graduates for the real world.

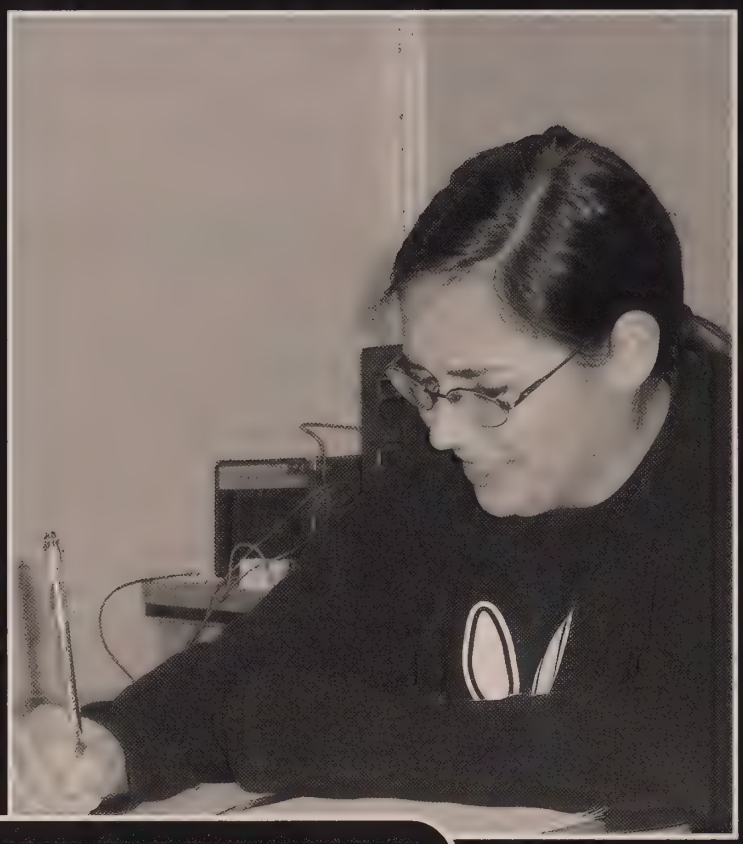
Joining the real world...

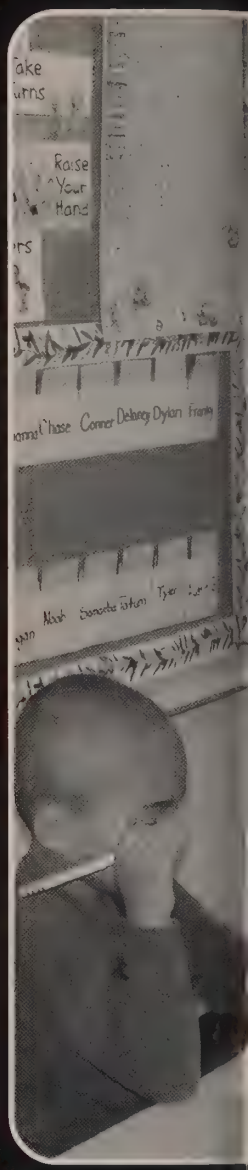
After graduation, Dustin Baker will be joining a majority of his country in the American work force. Many, just like Dustin, have been working since they were old enough to hold a permit;some even long before that. Already holding a position at Othy, the world's largest supplier of medical tools, Baker plans to continue working until he can transfer to a bigger company, possibly Zimmer.

Mark this Moment

memories made won't ever fade...

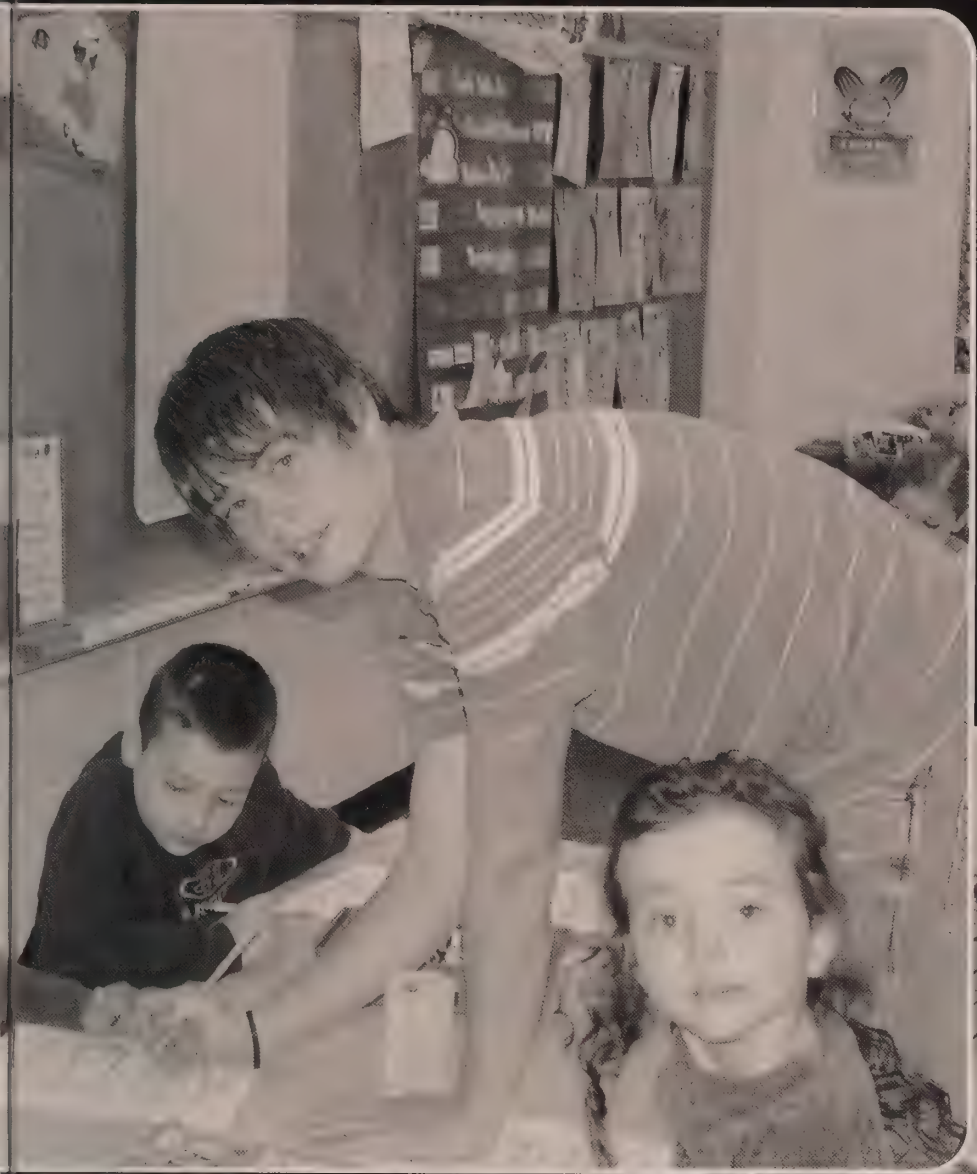
Along with being a challenge, the senior year is a lot of fun with many unforgetable experiences. Getting to know new friends, doing new things, and looking forward to the bittersweet ending in June are all part of the year. Classes get more challenging while a workload piles up inside lockers, but new opportunities and a lot more freedom make it all worth while. Term papers and SAT's add stress to the year while ice and snow days add enjoyment to the last ten months.





(above)"12 pages...bib cards...red marks...I had nightmares about my term paper! It was really challenging, but I know it will help me in college."
-Tiffany Secor

(left) "I've strengthened a lot of friendships and have come to know the friends that I'll keep forever, like Cork."
-Lauren St. Clair



(Left) Nate Hart worked with fifth graders and kindergarteners at Pierceton Elementary for his I.C.E. job this year. Along with gaining a lot of usefull experience for his future career, he learned a lot about life from the kids.

(below) One day while I was working in the front office, a mouse ran through and popped out of the lost and found. Mrs. Snep screamed and jumped onto her desk while Alice laughed hysterically. For the longest time, Mrs. Snep wouldn't keep her feet or purse on the ground.

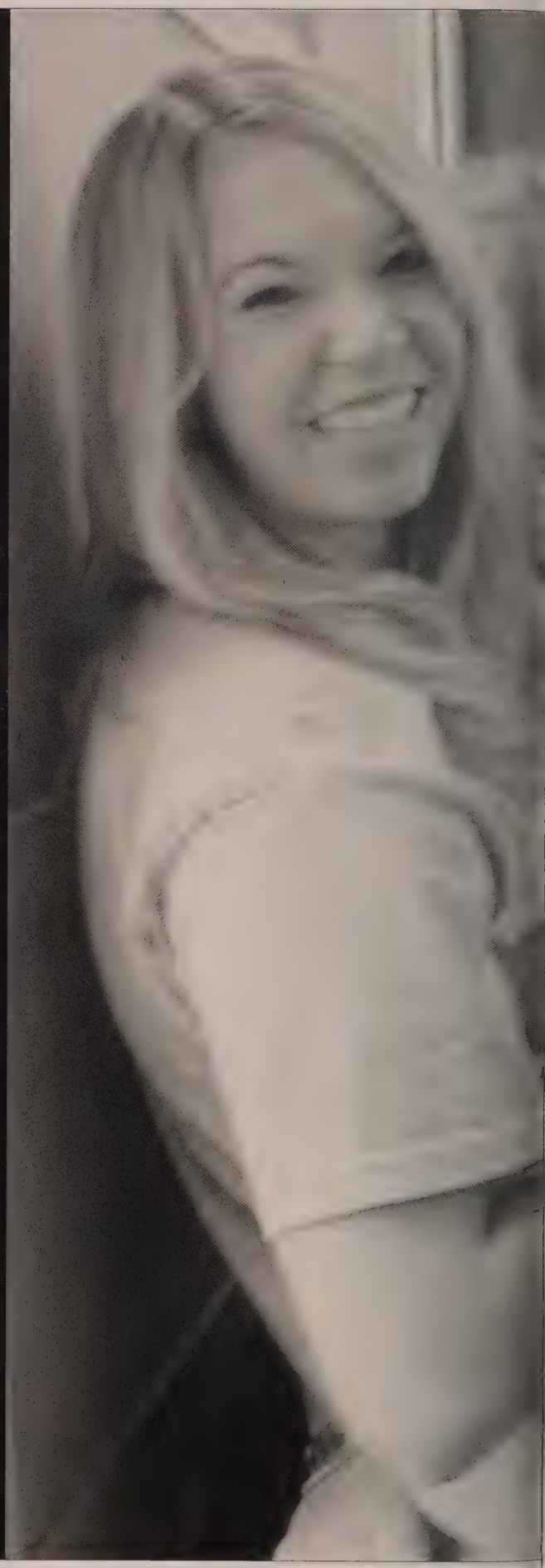
(left) "Even though it set graduation back a week, the snow, ice, and fog delays were wonderful!"

-Jacky Arnette

"I got to sleep in and it made the winter months go by a lot faster!"

-Sarah Metzger

MARK MY WORDS



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Darrel Angier
Max Arnold

Clarence Baker
Jeffery Baker
Emily Bauman
Amanda Bays
Jayanna Begley
Litasha Blair

Kyle Boggs
Randy Bouse
Esther Brenneman
Damon Brown
Brianna Bumbaugh
Corey Burdeau

John Calhoun
Heather Chalk
Jeffery Coats
Stefani Coble
Colvin Cone
Skyler Cone

Bryanna Conley
Robert Craft
Cole Crewse
Joshua Cripe
Matthew DeLong
Turner England

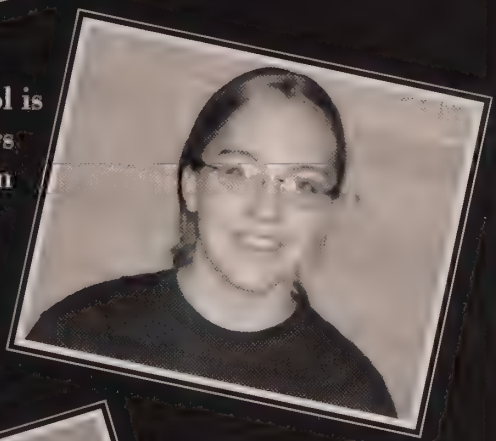
Jayna Enyeart
Austin Foreman
Amanda Fountain
Bryan Frush
Megan Fulk
Adam Gardner

Tamela Garwood
Jordan Geiger
Kathleen Gensic
Cory Gildner
Caitlin Greenfield
Isaac Greenfield

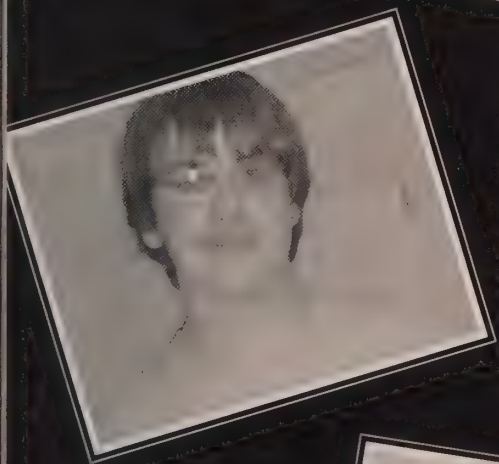
true or false?

High School is the best four years of your life.

"TRUE. It has been a long strange trip!"
-Corri Shepherd



"FALSE. High school is not the best four years of your life because in all actuality, you are just starting to live your life."
Caitlin Greenfield



"TRUE. High school is a time when you are free to express yourself and gives you a chance to figure out what you want to do with your life."
-Aaron Heaton

"FALSE. Some people focus on social happenings more than academics. Then after high school, it really doesn't and shouldn't matter who was who then, but who you are now!"
-Christie Hansen

Brittany Griepentrog
Samuel Gronau

Christie Hansen
Kartika Hariyani

Blake Harman
Kayla Hartman

Aaron Heaton
Nicholas Heinold

Kyle Hobbs
Lynnette Holst

Trenton Hyser
Richelle Jefferson

Ryan Johnson
Laura Jones

Scott Jones
Karie Juillerat
Ashley Kennedy
Jennifer Keplinger
Andrew Kessie
Kaitlin Kessie

Bradly Kincaid
Brett King
Elizabeth Kiser
McAaron Kraft
Shelby Kreger
Justin Kurtz

Minghla Kwan
Ashley Lancaster
Cortnee Lancaster
Brian Lardino
Alexis Lepley
Joshua Licata

Melinda Marshall
Anthony McKenzie
Brittany Meeks
Jessica Miles
Ashley Miller
Serena Miner

Jenna Mishler
Christopher Moore
Jessica Moore
Danielle Mowrey
Marissa Mudrack
Elizabeth Myers

Benjamin Nault
Ashley Newswanger
Tang Nghia
Christina Nieto
Micheal O'Dea
Clayton Omelian

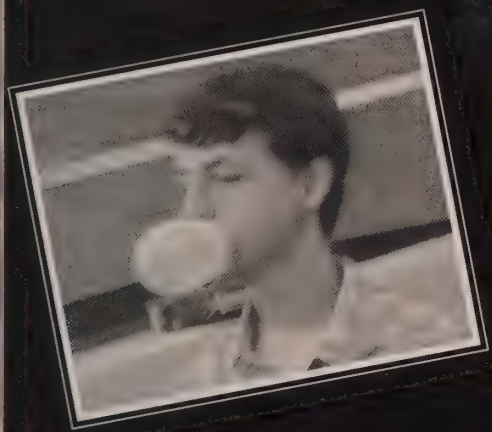
Ronald Ousley
Josephine Patino
Reva Patrick
Ryan Poage
Alex Poe
Matthew Pressler

the job 'mark'et

What are your career goals after high school?

"I plan to go to college and become a storm chaser or have some career in meteorology."
-Ryan Johnson

"I plan to be a homicide detective. I love the stuff they do and kick butt!"
-Jenna Roman



"I would like to be an airbrush artist."
-Josh Watkins

When I get out of high chool, I plan on going o college to become a ediatrician. I'm still nsure of what exact ollege, but I have been hinking about IU. I m seriously onsidering the Air orce to help pay for my ollege."
-Stefani Coble

Jessica Protzman
Tiffany Puckett

Steven Reed
Jeffrey Reiff

Bruce Reinhart
Richard Reynolds

Katie Richardson
Jacob Roatcap

Matthew Robertson
Eric Rodriguez

Janice Rogers
Jenna Roman

John Ronk
Ren Rose

Cody Salmons
Nicol Sexton
Sara Shafer
Stephanie Shafer
Elizabeth Shelby
Kristopher Shepherd

Mallory Shepherd
Cari Sherbahn
Johnathan Simmons
Chelsey Slater
Samuel Slusher
Bradley Smith

Brian Smith
Brittany Smith
Stephanie Smith
Erica Snyder
Andrea Socha
Bethany Spears

Danielle Spillers
Jeffrey Sprunger
Larry Stauffer
Katie Strandlund
McKenzie Swihart
William Swihart

Nathan Terrel
Joshua Thompson
Kathleen Trump
Adam Vandergriff
Amy Vandergriff
Hannah VanHoozen

Camron Walter
Pamela Warner
Joshua Watkins
James Watson
Brooke Weber
Mitchell Westness

CLASS OF 2006

now that's different!

...not your everyday hobby

"I'm one of the biggest Fort Wayne Komet fans around. When it comes to opening night, I'm there with orange hair and black and orange war paint."
-Brittany Meeks

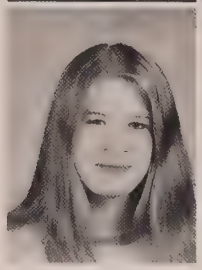
"I restore guitars."
-Jeff Baker

"I'm such a dork. If I'm bored, I pick up a dictionary and start reading. It somehow amuses me."
-Alexis Lepley

"Scrapbooking."
-Matt Pressler

Cassie Woodcox
Andrew Woodruff

Anthony Yagel
Jenna Yeager

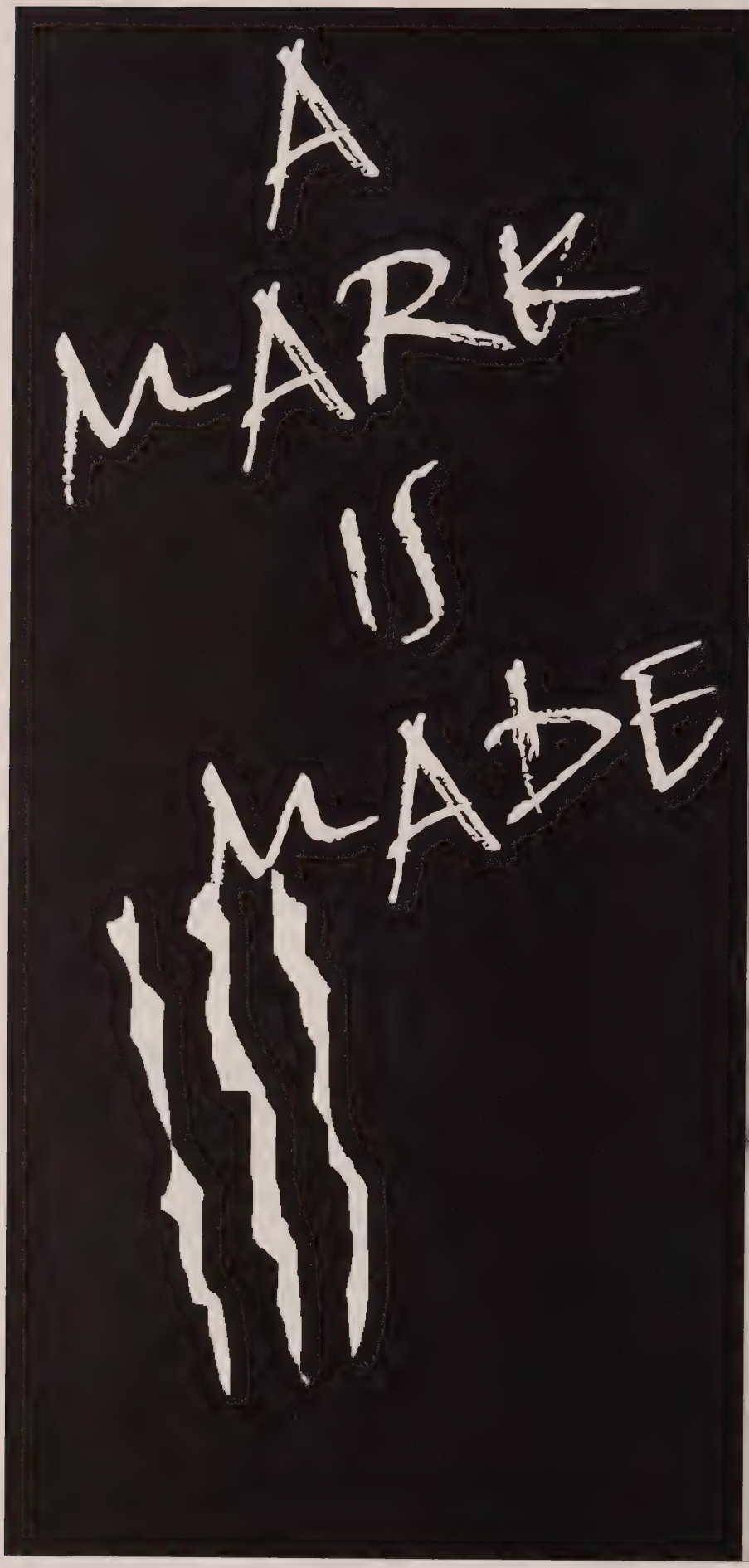


Monica Young

Not Seen:

- Victoria Anderson
- Phillip Bowers
- Ryan Jarrell
- Dane Knote
- Courtney Maggert
- Amber Miller
- Jocelyn Troutner

Above: The Junior Class Officers
Katie Trump: Treasurer
Jeff Sprunger: President
Kaitlin Kessie: Vice President
Brittany Smith: Secretary
(not pictured)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Doru Aldea
Quinn Allen
Heather Arnett
Latt Babcock
Shirley Banks

Gregory Barton
Heather Bartz
Zackery Bays
Jacob Bergman
Bryan Boggs
Casey Boggs

Samantha Bollinger
Joshua Bonebrake
Kylee Brown
Franklin Bumgardner
Brian Busz
Christine Calhoun

Stephanie Campbell
Alex Carlin
Patrick Carroll
Bobbi Cassell
Wendy Chalk
Amanda Christman

Kristin Clark
Andrew Cleland
Bianca Coe
Alicia Collier
Lindsay Collier
Amanda Crosser

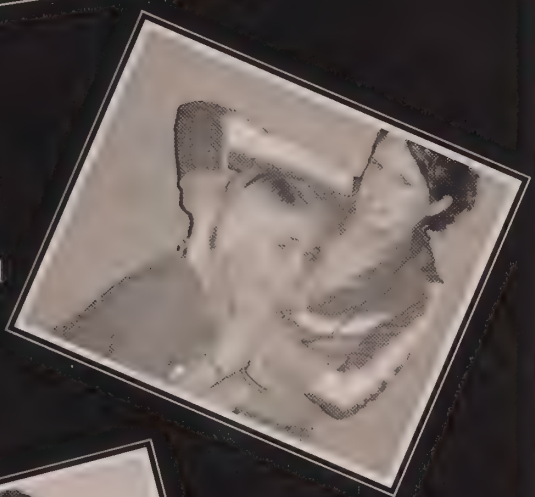
Natasha Crouse
Katie Deeter
Katie Detwiler
Joshua Doberstein
Callista Duggins
Ryan Ebert

Tyler Elder
Jeana Eviston
Kyle Facks
Joshua Feasby
Jared Felger
James Foreman

scaredy 'cat'

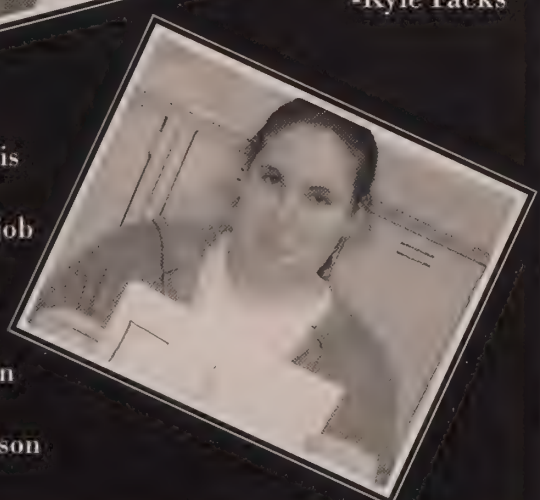
What's your greatest phobia?

"Spiders. All those eyes and legs...they seem so sneaky."
-Patrick Carroll



"JULIANNE HAINES. She's evil (really)!"
-Jill Wendel

"Going across the ocean on a ship because I have seen the movie Titanic, and I don't want to be on a sinking ship."
-Kyle Facks



"My greatest fear is not succeeding in life...not getting a job and not having a successful career. Also, I fear not leaving my mark on the world."
-Nicole Watson

Samantha Frye
Jessica Geiger

Tyler Gerard
Sontanna Godwin

Antimony Grant
Holly Green

Zachary Green
Stacey Grube

Julianne Haines
Jessica Hall

Heather Hansen
Samuel Hapner

Courtney Hartman
Jalessa Hendrickson

Abigail Hicks
Peggie Hill-Etchoe
Jacob Hinkle
Derek Holst
Terin Hopkins
Kayla Horn

Shandi Horn
Eric Howard
Mariah Hull
Joshua Jefferson
Quentin Jenkins
William Jenkins

Brian Keirn
Andrew Kellogg
Geneva Kemerley
Marjeanna Keplinger
Justin Kerr
Chad Landis

Jason Landrigan
Victoria Larson
Christopher LaRue
Philip Leeka
Kaley Lepper
Matthew Lewis

Timothy Linn
Ashley Maynard
Andrew McClanahan
Kelly McKinney
Richelle Meeks
Adrienne Messer

Tasha Milburn
Andrea Morales
Metea Mosher
Kayla Myers
Alyssa Newswanger
Adam Nicodemus

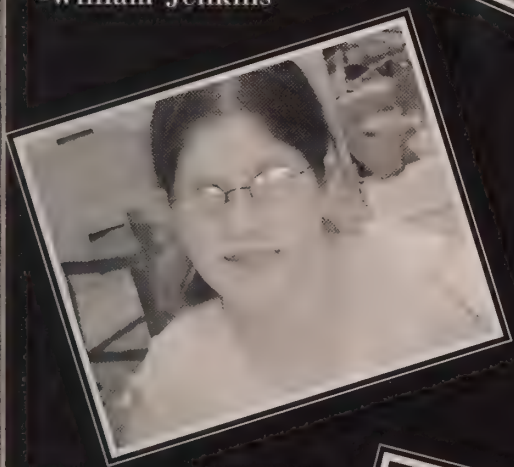
Andrew Nicodemus
BJ O'Dea
Andy Ousley
Kirsten Ousley
Tabitha Parson
Timothy Patrick

make your mark

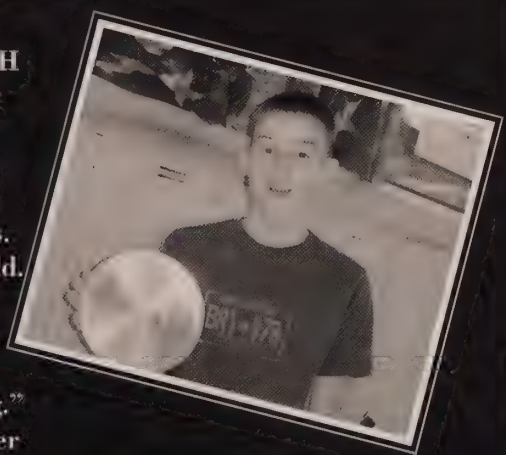
on route

"Having people stare at your car because it has a wooden bumper!"
-Eric Howard

"It is kind of hard to drive the speed limit. That is my biggest problem because I hate going slow."
-William Jenkins



"Just to have the freedom of going anywhere you want to go. Just knowing you are in control."
-Richelle Meeks



FIRST 2 WEEKS WITH A LICENSE: "First my oil needed changing because it was all gone. Then my shifter broke so I couldn't shift gears. Then my tires went bald. Then a small compartment got stuck closed. Then my sunroof started leaking."
-Zach Reuter

Christopher Patterson
Jennifer Phillips

Charles Plummer
Bernice Raphael

Gari Ratliff
Brandon Reiff

Zechariah Reuter
Britney Riley

Kyle Robertson
Josiah Roebuck

John Rogers
Jordan Ross

Trevor Rowland
Tiffani Sanderson

Margaret Schmittler
Samantha Schrader
Calvin Sellers
Darvin Setser
Kristofer Shoemaker
Audrie Simison

Brooke Simmons
Jason Sims
Jessika Sims
Shannon Sleighter
Jason Slusher
Britanni Smith

James Smith
Kristina Sorensen
Travis Sorensen
Chelsea Southall
Whitley Staller
Dane Starkey

Peter Stoffel
John Stump
Kaleb Swender
Jeremiah Thompson
Rachel Thompson
Lucas Vandeputte

Steven Vandergriff
Bradley Wagoner
Heather Walker
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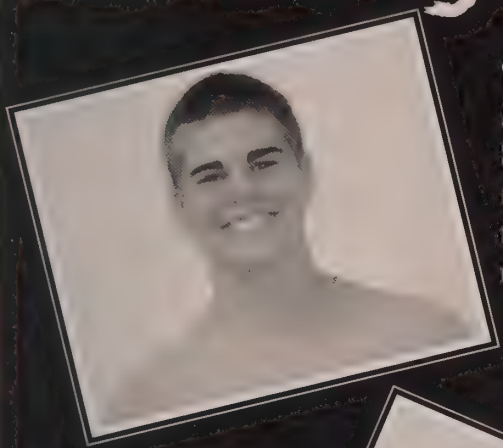
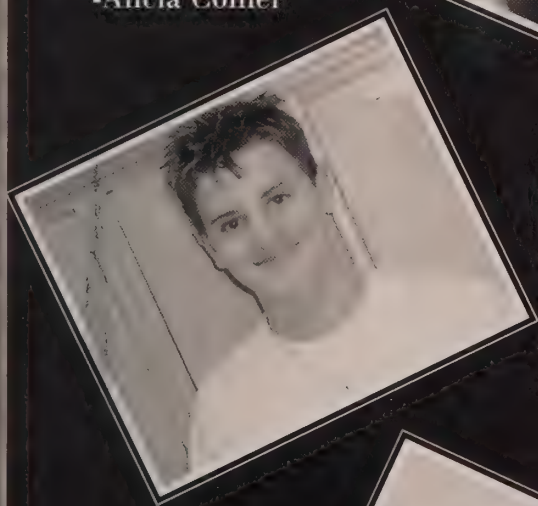
What song best describes YOU?



The song "*Simple Man*" by Lynyrd Skynyrd describes me because it doesn't take a whole lot to make me happy."
-Dane Starkey

"The song that best describes me is "*Redneck Woman*" (Gretchen Wilson) because I am a true country wild girl, and I love cowboys!"
-Alicia Collier



" '*Hakuna Matata*' because that is how I think...just don't worry; everything will work itself out."
-Alex Carlin

" '*She Thinks My Tractor's Sexy*' (Kenny Chesney) because I love driving tractors."
-Chad Landis

Randall Wilkinson
Evan Williams

Ryan Yocum

Photo-Phobic:
Kristi Angiano
Dustin Creech
Joe Gibson
Rubin Hatcher
Audry Neeley
Janessa Simmers

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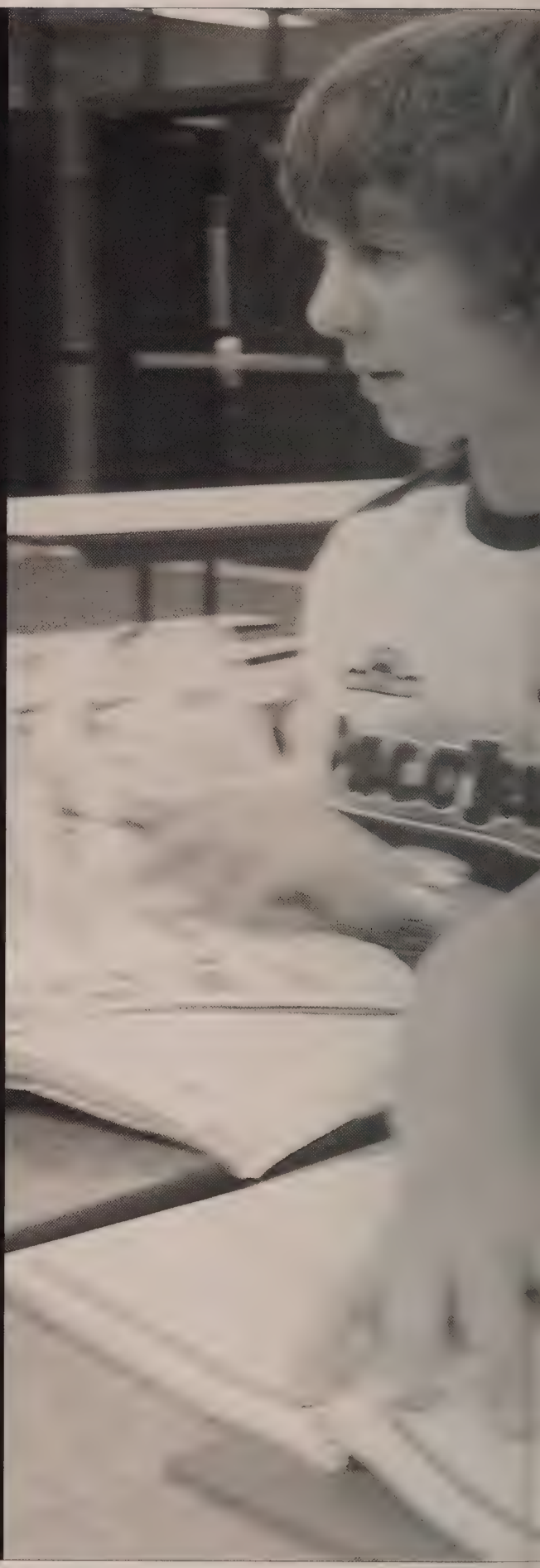

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Amy Angiano
Mikel Angier

Jill Ashkins
Patrick Baker
Ann Barnes
Heidi Bartz
Ce'Erra Beckner
Joshua Blair

Courtney Blankenship
Kylee Boardman
Augustus Bouse
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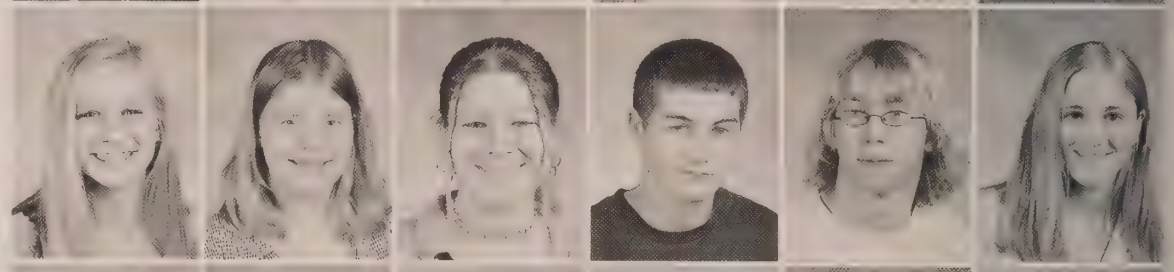


Joshua Carlin
James Centers
James Chaney
Blake Chestnut
Vanessa Cleland
Briana Couch

Cain Davis
Christopher De La Cruz
Tara Eberly
Sara Elder
Eric Ellison
Audrey Fox

Denton Frazier
Tyler Fulk
Marissa Ganger
Chelsea Gasaway
Rachel Gates
Jennalin Gebert

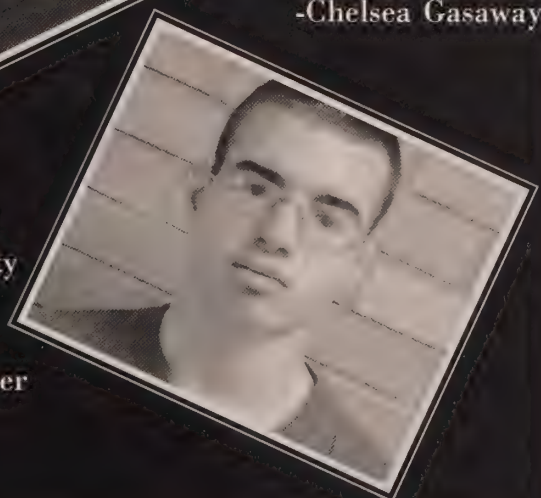
sheer insanity

What is the craziest thing you've ever done?

"One time I tried to jump my bike over a 4-foot long thorn bush in a river but missed and landed in the bush!"
-Matthew Holmes

"Jumped off a 3-story house."
-Michael Palazzolo

"The craziest thing I've done was to go down a mountain on a snowboard with shorts on."
-Chelsea Gasaway



"Jumping off a cliff in Kentucky into a lake. It was fun."
-Patrick Baker

Derrick Gidley
Seth Grawcock

M. Gregory
Amanda Hall

Andrew Hapner
Alicia Hardesty

Brenden Hart
Cameron Hartman

Kayla Hein
Ranae Henderson

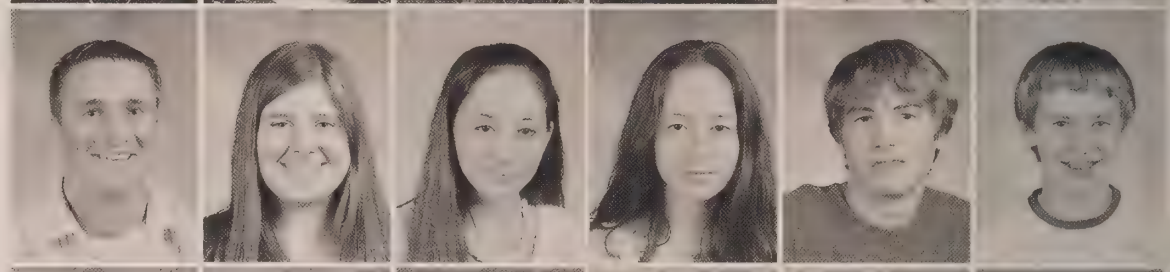
Amber Hepler
Amber Hobbs

Tyler Hobbs
Brittany Holler

Matthew Holmes
Matthew Hurd
Carrie Jackson
Brittany Jeffrey
Veronica Jersey
Jennaca Juillerat

Rachel Juricak
Jessica Kahn
Riley Keller
Steven Keplinger
Laura Kessie
Taylor Kessie

Malon Kraft
Kelsey Kreger
Amber Krider
Star Krider
Andre Krouse
Travis Kurtz



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Lezlie Leeka
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Tara Lukens
D. Trevor Mastropietro
Caleb Miller

Samantha Mort
Kristyn Murphy
Heather Myers
Danielle Nicholson
Jared Oberley
Benjamin Ogden

Christopher Palazzolo
Michael Palazzolo
Bradley Palm
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Susan Penn
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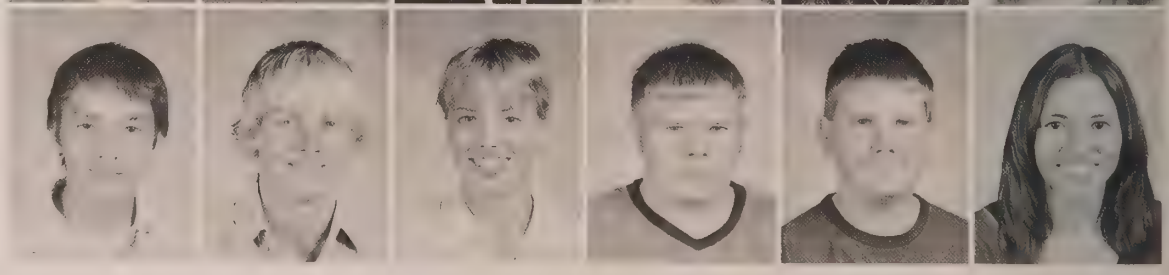

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How was your transition to the High School?

"Hard and easy. The school work is harder, but finding and making friends is easier."
-Kristyn Murphy

'It was a big step up- ust knowing I only ıave 4 years left until 'm on my own. There s more responsibility eaning on me. I get dlong great with most ıpperclassmen-and yet haven't had any rouble with them."
Courtney Blankenship

"High school is great! There are so many more girls. They are everywhere; it's perfect."
-Blake Chestnut

'My transition to the ıigh school was quite n adventure. It's ery different from he middle school as ar as lunch, classes, verything. I've otten along great vith everyone and lan on making high chool all it can be."
-Ranae Henderson

Kimberly Reber
Casey Renschler

Dayne Richards
Karla Rosales

Derek Rose
Trenton Rowe

Trenton Rowland
Daniel Ruckman

Johnny Salisbury
Kaitlyn Saunders

Stacy Sexton
Michael Shepherd

Whitney Shepherd
Kayla Sims

Vanessa Sizemore
Christopher Snyder
Dustin Sorensen
Amber Spears
Dustin Stayer
Amber Stephens

Kelsey Stephens
Mary Stevenson
Fred Stoffel
Matthew Strandlund
Brandy Studebaker
Darcie Stump

Talon Stump
Amber Sturgis
Austin Sylvester
Devon Syndram
Nicole Taylor
Linzey Terrill

Tanarae Turley
Britni Turner
Clarissa Vandeputte
Beth Vanhoozen
Jessie Vanmeter
Timothy Vermillion

Benjamin Wagner
Jennifer Wagoner
Steven Warner
Jamie Westness
Katey Wheeler
Dea Winebrenner

Audra Winger
Brian Winget
Thomas Winget
Eli Wise
Kyle Wood
Jill Yagel

CLASS OF

sibling rivalry

What's it like to have an older sibling in the same school?

"I have an older brother-so there's not really any competition. We usually fight at school because he doesn't want to take me home."
-Audra Winger
(Ryne, 12th)

"My brother used to be important to me because he gave me a ride to school, now his car is wrecked so he means nothing to me."
-Travis Kurtz
(Justin, 11th)

"It stinks to have an older sister in high school because all of her friends pick on you, and she makes fun of you."
-Veronica Jersey
(Becky, 12th)

"She outsmarts me, makes me feel worthless, and says bad things about my past. Other than that, she's pretty nice."
-Matthew Strandlund
(Katie, 11th)

Tom Yeager
April Yocum

Camera Shy:
Brandon Blair
Amber Kyles

Freshmen Class Officers
Amber Sturgis: President
Anna Carlin: Secretary

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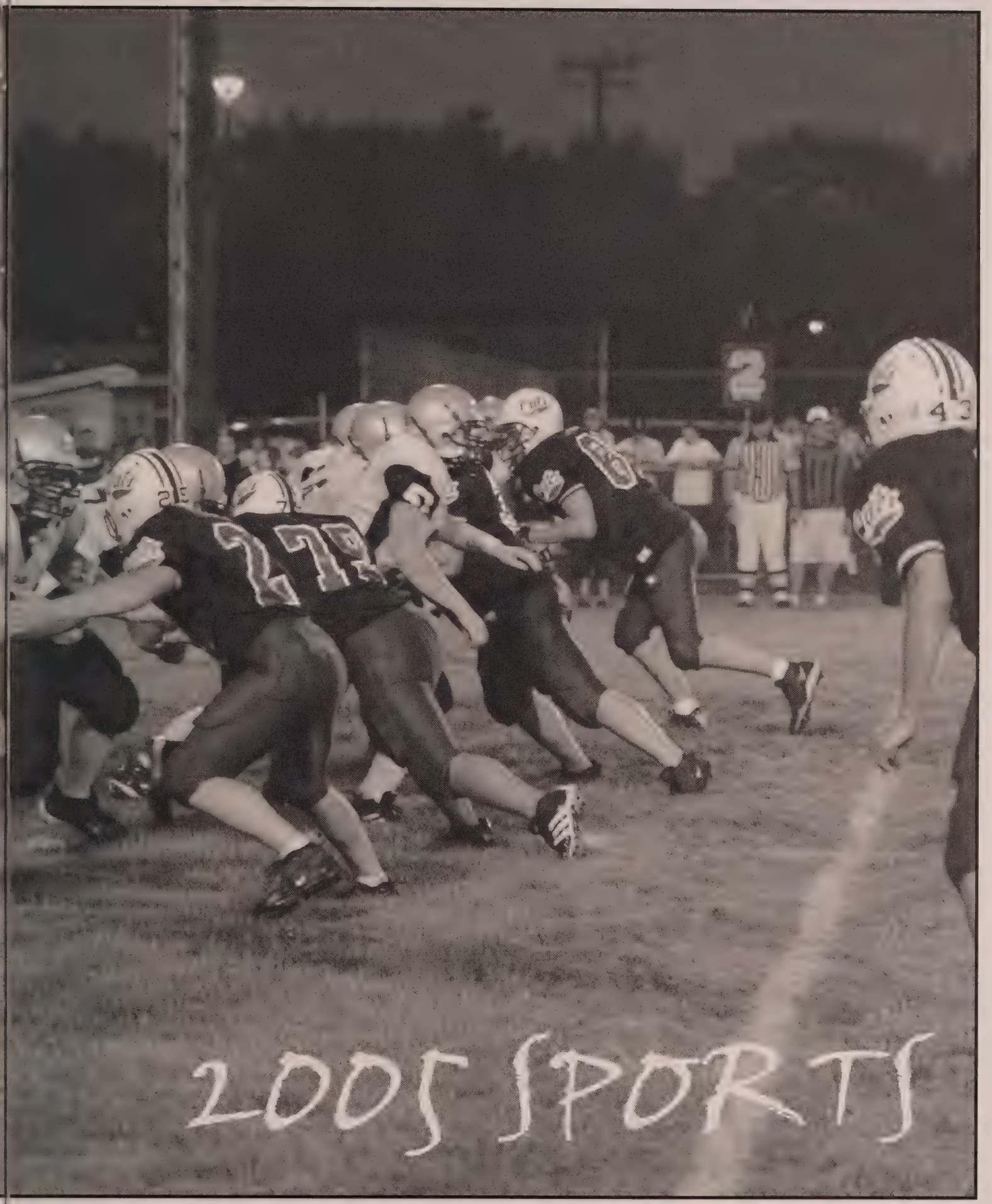
MARKING OUR TERRITORY


2005 SPORTS

"Friday Night Lights"

...confidence makes the difference. -Chris Evert

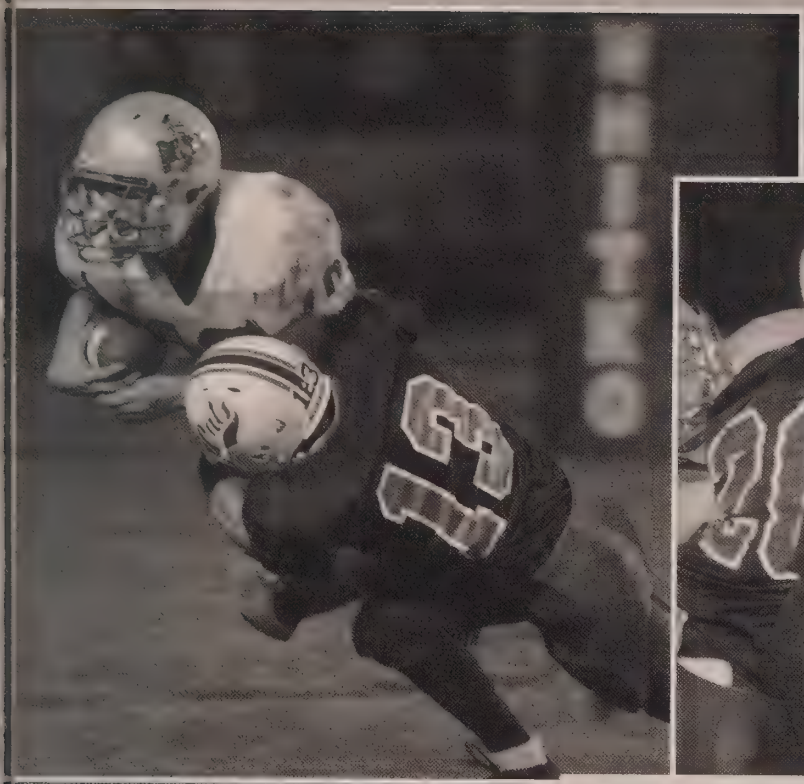
If asked, a Wildcat football player would tell you that he played his heart out this year. Having to overcome many obstacles, the team was able to pull through with a record of 4-6. Due to unfortunate consequences, the team was forced to forfeit three of their wins, making the final record 1-9. Many injuries provided conflicts for the team, but through encouragement from team members and confidence from fans, the team was able to end the season on a good note. Coaches say that they had an enjoyable season and are looking forward to next year.

Left: Nate Hart "leans back" for the pass.

SCORES

Opponent	Us-Them	
Wawasee	L	7-33
Columbia City	L	20-27
Southwood	W	41-12
Manchester	W	49-32
Oak Hill	L	21-24
Northfield	W	35-0
North Miami	W	42-6
Rochester	L	2-21
Tippy Valley	L	13-34
PLAYOFFS		
F.W. Luers	L	10-33

Above: One down...one to go. Tyler Wilkinson outruns his opponents.



Left: John Carroll doesn't push people around...he pulls them down.
Below: Defense...10% body, 90% face. Travis Christman will let no man by.

Row One: Chas Busz, Ryan Busz, James Smith, Robby Harris, Clay Omelian, Quentin Jenkins. Row Two: Bryan Boggs, Brent Boardman, John Stump, Ryan Johnson, Doru Aldea, Matt Tracy, Dane Starkey, Brian Smith, Josh Feasby, John Carroll, Kaleb Swender, Jay Walters. Row Three: Nate Hart, Andy Craft, Josh Thompson, Tristan Brubaker, Max Arnold, Cody Salmons, Nate Anderson, Darrell Angier, AJ McKenzie, Chris Moore, Tyler Elder. Row Four: John Calhoun, Ryan Poage, Trevor Rowland, Jerry Bowers, Jeff Sprunger, Casey Boggs, Josh Bonebrake, Tyler Wilkinson, Jarad Eberly, Eric Howard, Brian Lardino, Brad Smith. Row Five: Coach Cox, Coach Swender, Coach Long, Coach Mohr, Ross Adang, Blake Harman, Travis Christman, Nate Alspaugh, Steven Elder, Chris LaRue, Nik Smison, Coach Klien, Coach Busz, Coach Sprunger.

Above: Camron leads the team.

Record

Opponent	Outcome Girls	Outcome Boys
Rochester	L	L
Tippy Invite	9th	11th
West Noble Invite	20th	24th
N. Miami/Tippy	2 win	2 win
Wabash Invite	15th	15th
Northfield/Wabash	2 loss	2 loss
County	2 loss	1 win
TRC	-	5th
Sectional	8th	-

	Camron	Veronica
Regional	7th	4th
Semi-State	25th	19th

Row One: Kylee Boardman, Veronica Jersey, Tom Winget.
Row Two: Kelly Wall(mgr.), Rachel Gates, Adam Vandergriff, Keith Winget, Lynnette Holst.
Row Three: Brian Winget, Camron Walter, Coach McKeighen, Cameron Hartman, Jessica Kahn.

Small Team, Big Success

Our sport is your sport's punishment.

This year cross-country has been a great experience for the team members and the new coach. All the team members worked very hard. Mr. McKeighen, a new teacher and former WHS cross-country runner, was the new coach for the team. Coach McKeighen said that he was very fortunate to have an amazing group of kids and is looking forward to them and many others in the future. Kelly Wall, the team's manager, stated that there was never a dull moment having three Winget boys on the team. Camron Walter and Veronica Jersey with many accomplishments led the young building team. They both were named the Northeast Indiana Runners of the Week. Camron set a school record of 16:06. They both won the County Championship race. Veronica became the first Girls' Conference Champ at WHS. Camron became the first Boys' Conference Champ in WHS history. They both advanced to the Regional Championship where Veronica set a new school record of 15:29. Veronica and Camron advanced to Semi-State, where both of their seasons ended, each narrowly missing the state qualifications. The season has been fun, not only for the runners, but also for the coach.

Above: The boys run at the West Noble Invite.

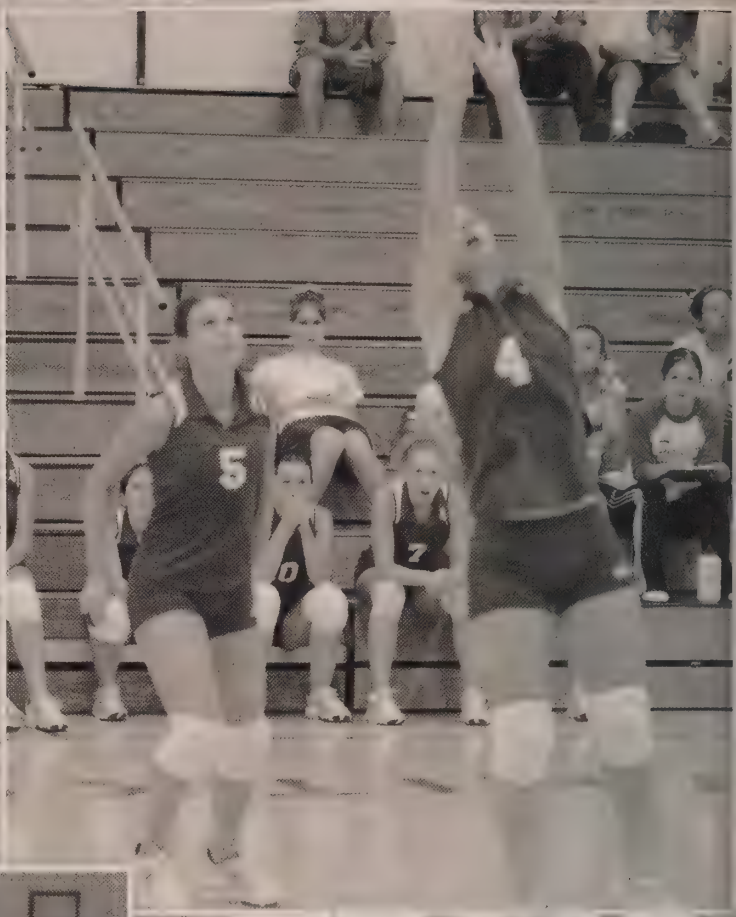
Above: Girls push for first.

Right: Girls stretch before a big race.

Setting up for the kill

many hands make light work...

The Whitko Girls' Volleyball team had a good season. First year coach Brett Lyvers was suprised by the number of girls that made up the thirty-seven player roster. The team improved dramatically throughout the season. The coach and girls are looking forward to continued improvements so Whitko can be competitive in the TRC and various tournaments. Alll of the girls played a great season of volleyball. Coach Lyvers anticipates an improved volleyball program here at Whitko High School.



Right: Katie Trump sets Jenna Yeager up for the spike.

Row 1: Heather Chalk, Elizabeth Myers. Row 2: Leah Winger, Angie Juricak, Jenna Yeager, Katie Trump, Jaclyn Glaze. Row 3: Coach Brett Lyvers, Jacky Arnett, Andrea Socha, Serena Miner, Amanda Busz, Manager Daniel Wilson.

Above: Amanda Busz starts the play off with a serve.

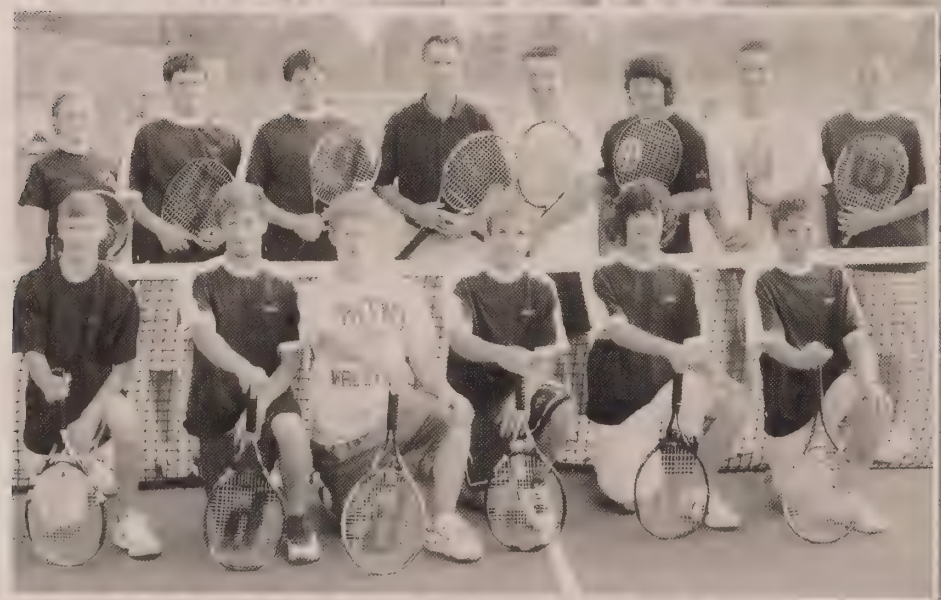
Record

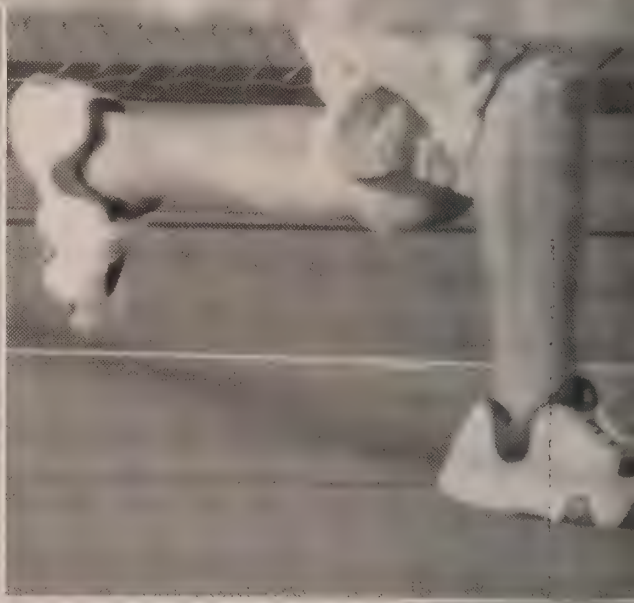
Opponent	Outcome
Lakeland Christian	W
Wabash	W
Manchester	L
Angola	L
Wawasee	L
Westview	L
West Noble	L
Warsaw	L
North Miami	L
Manchester	L
Rochester	L
Southwood	L
Bethany Christian	L
Wawasee	L
Elkhart Christian	L
Garrett	W
Oak Hill	L
Fort Wayne Canterbury	L
Columbia City	L
Wawasee	L
Elkhart Central	L
Northridge	L
Mishawaka Marian	L
Northfield	L
Tippecanoe Valley	L
North Miami	L
Bluffton	L
Garrett	W
Huntington North	L
Peru	W
Norwell	L

Above: Leah Winger gets low to pass up the ball.
Left: Jacky Arnett serves the ball.

"The strength of the team is each individual member...the strength of each member is the team."
-Phil Jackson

Below: Brett King uses the forehand technique.





Row 1: Calvin Sellers, Brandon Reiff, Patrick Carroll, Shannon Sleighter, Ben Ogden, Taylor Kessie. Row 2: Mgr. Kaitlin Kessie, Andrew Nicodemus, Adam Nicodemus, Coach Larry Schuh, Kory Flinn, Justin Kerr, Doru Aldea, Kris Shoemaker.

Causin' a Racket

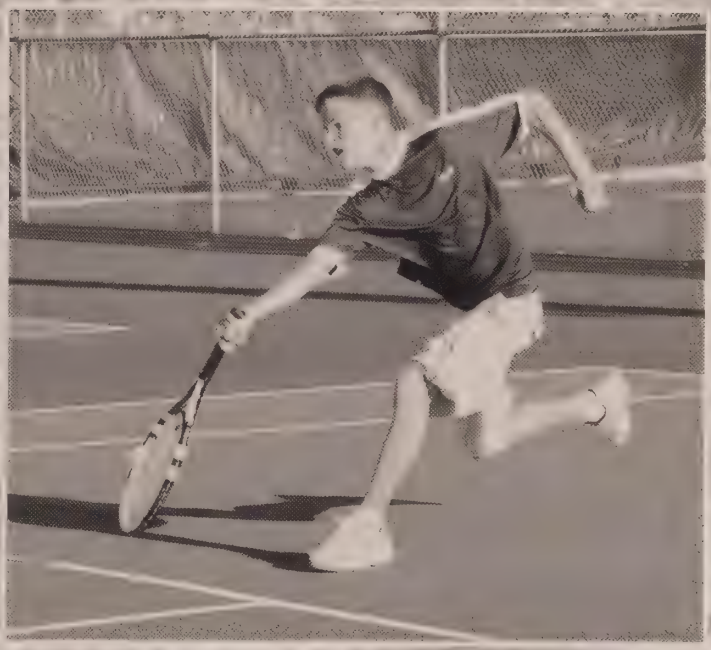
the power of one...or two

The expectations were set high for the Whitko Boys' tennis team this year. Making up the thirteen man team were one senior, one junior, nine sophomores, and three freshmen. Many close losses predict that next year will be a better year for the team. Coach Schuh is very confident that next season will be a great success. Great job this season boys!

Scores

Opponent	Us-Them	
Westview	L	0-5
Columbia City	L	2-3
Bluffton	L	1-4
Wawasee	L	0-5
Triton	W	3-2
Rochester	L	1-4
Central Noble	W	3-2
Manchester	L	1-4
Tippy Valley	L	2-3
Wabash	L	2-3
Churbusco	W	5-0

Left: Shannon Sleighter is in full concentration as he reaches for the ball.



Above: Calvin Sellers reaches low to get the ball.

Left: Taylor Kessie serves the ball.

Girls Gettin' into the "Swing" of things

Above: Shelby concentrates hard as she putts the ball.

"When it's breezy, hit it easy." -Davis Love Jr.

After a few bumps in the road, the girls' golf team had a successful season. They ended up with a record of 14 - 8. With only eight girls, everyone got a chance to play varsity. Many girls broke individual records and improved tremendously. One individual, Jayanna Begley, broke the school record when she shot a 9-hole score of 40. Their success should carry on to next year.

Row 1: Courtney Hartman, Alyssa Newswanger, Adrienne Carico,Gari Ratliff. Row 2: Cassandra Graves, Katie Strandlund, Coach Simpson, Jayanna Begley, Shelby Kreger

Left: Alyssa goes for the birdie.

RECORD

Opponent	Outcome
Wawasee/Concord	L/W
Triton	W
S. Wells	W
Warsaw	L
Northwood/Triton	W/W
Wabash	W
Tippy/Manchester	L/W
Manchester/W. Noble	W/W
Bremen/Triton	W/W
F.W. Canterbury	L
Tippy	L
Prairie Heights	L
Northridge/W. Noble	W/L
W. Noble	W
C.City/Manchester	L/W
Fremont Inv.	10th
TRC at Honeywell	3rd
Sectionals at Stonehenge	9th

Below: Cassandra lines up her putt.

Above: Look at Katie's b-e-a-utiful form.

Right: Sophomore Amanda Crosser puts all her effort into the game.

Right: Kevin Dye knows that it takes more than a pretty fact to play soccer.

Row One: Brittney Pherigo. Row Two: Brad Sloan, Sara Shafer, Amanda Crosser, Audrie Simison, Ryan Yocum. Row Three: Coach Nat Raber, Kevin Dye, Sam Gronau, Jordan Grissom, Doru Aldea, Adam Gardner, Josh Cripe.

Record

Opponent	Outcome	
Rochester	L	2-3
Southwood	L	3-5
Mishawaka First Baptist	W	4-1
Rochester	W	3-0
Southwood	L	3-4
Mishawaka First Baptist	T	3-3
Lakeland Christian	L	2-7

Above: Thomas Stuth and Josh Cripe watch the game intently while Brad Sloan gets all the camera's attention.

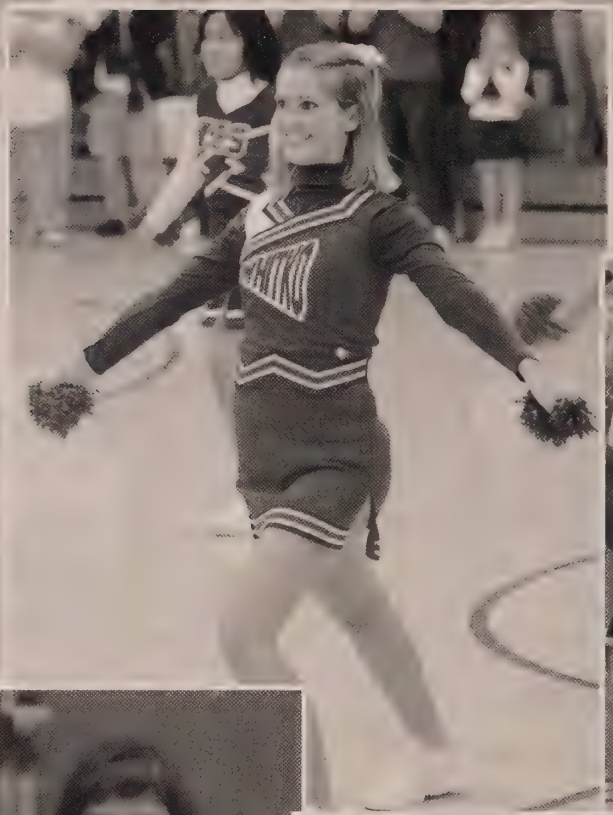
New Kids on the Block

Working Toward our Goal

The soccer team made a break through this year with an awesome season. The main scorers were Jordan Grissom, Doru Aldea, and Ryan Yocum. Overall everyone was a star player by pulling together and working as a team. Earlier in the season a group of Whitko Soccer players went before the Board of Education and asked to become an IHSSA sport next year. So far the process is moving along smoothly. These players are holding out strong and as the seasons pass they continue to improve. Next year's season should be just as good, if not better than this year's. Congratulations to the players, as they finished strong and hard!

Left: Jordan Grissom steals the ball from his opponent.

Above: The team puts the game into action!



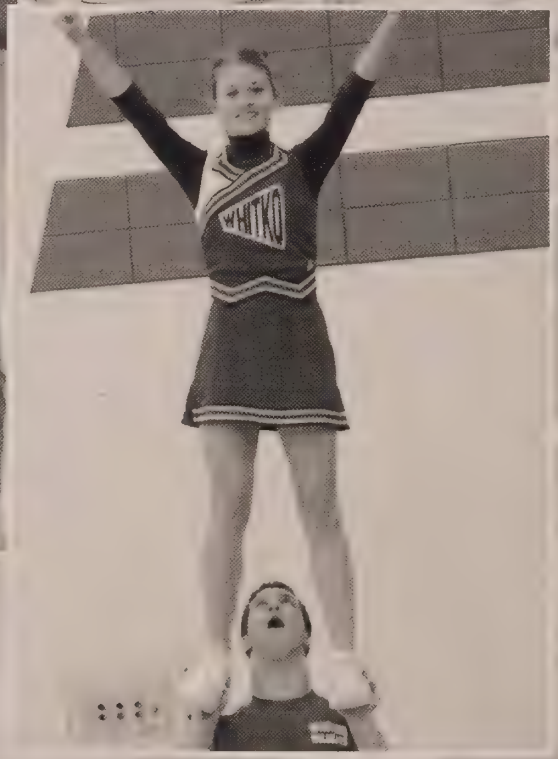
Left: Tabitha Parson smiles to the crowd during the school song.

Above: Britanni Smith's spirit shines through her smile.

What is your most memorable moment?

-Dalphine answers, "My most memorable moment was senior night." Dal was the manager for the cheerleading team. On senior night, Dal traded her management in for a skirt and cheered with the rest of the squad.

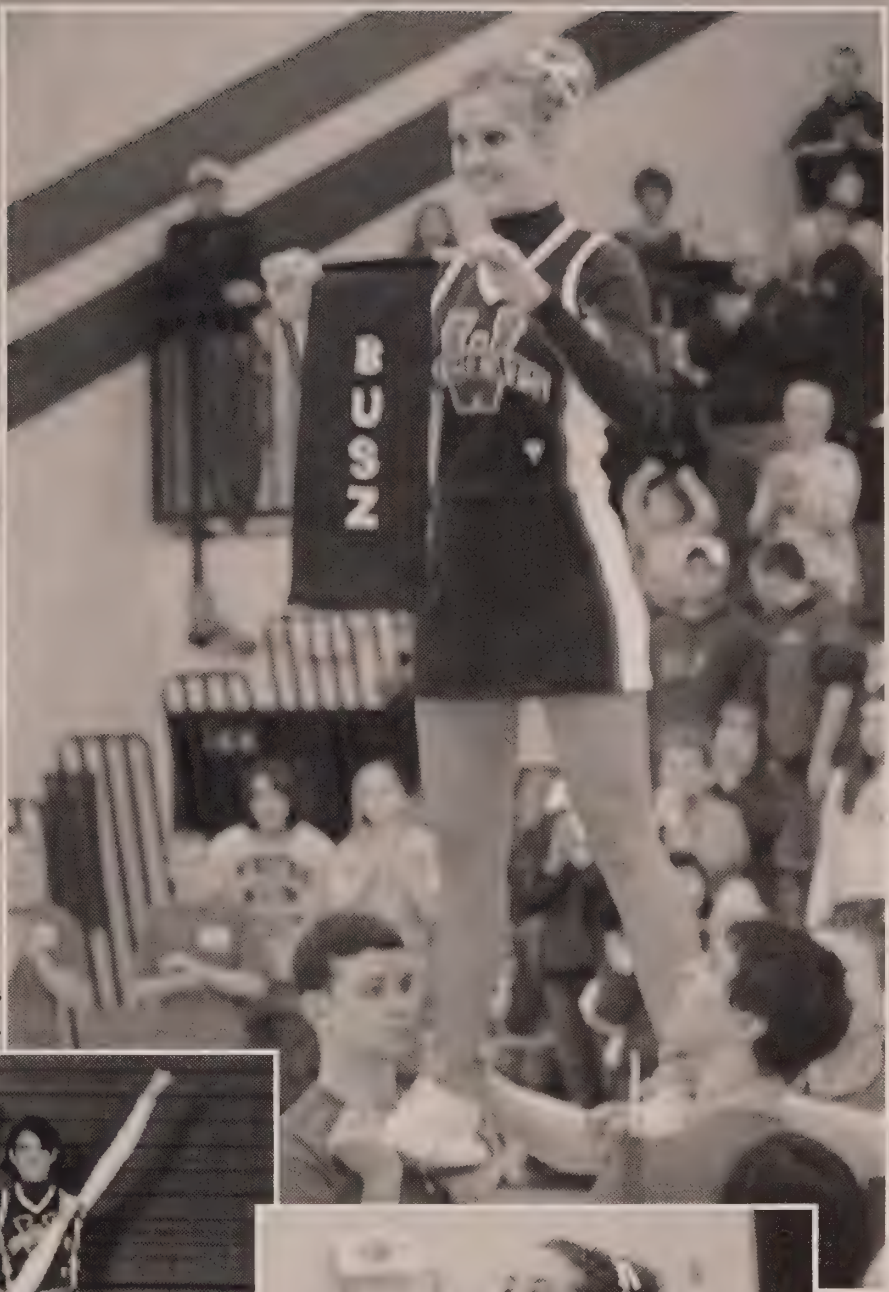
-Kartika answers, "My most memorable moment was senior night and the Whitko Idol contest." Kartika was a member of the junior varsity squad. On senior night she participated in the Whitko Idol contest singing "You Light up my Life" by Leann Rimes.



Above: Tyler Wilkinson single base stunts with Chelsey Slater.

Extend youreself. Cheer.

There are no scores in cheerleading, but the score of the sport's team can sometimes be improved by the cheerleaders. A cheerleader's job is to excite the crowd. The Whitko cheerleading team did just that. By getting the crowd excited, everyone was able to encourage the team on.



Right: Brooke Weber holds up Amanda Busz's name for the starting line up.

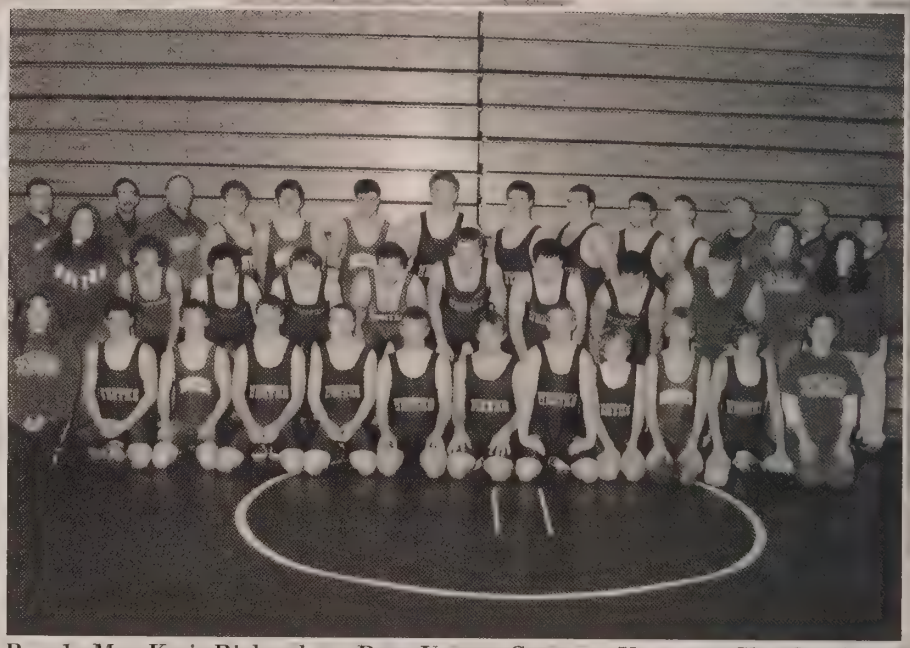
First Row: Chelsey Rowland. Second Row: Chelsey Slater and Brooke Weber. Third Row: Tabitha Parson, Dalphine Kwan, and Britanni Smith.

Right: Senior, Chelsey Rowland, cheers one of her last games.

Above: Tyler Wilkinson attempts to flip his opponent.

Record

Opponent	Outcome
Wawasee Super Duals	2nd
North Miami	W
Huntington North INV	1st
New Prairie	W
Wawasee INV	1st
Whitko Super Duals	W
Northfield	W
Wabash INV	1st
Central Noble	W
Goshen INV	2nd



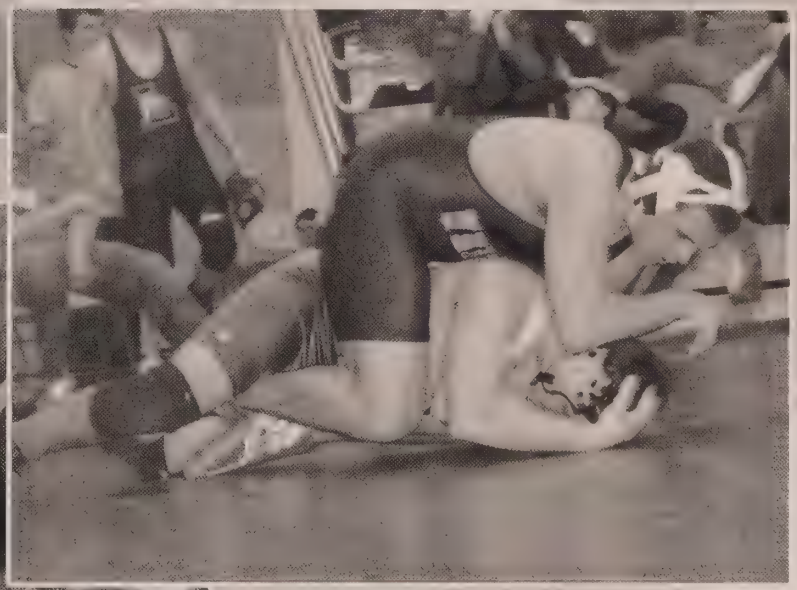
Row 1: Mgr. Katie Richardson, Ryan Yocum, Cameron Hartman, Clay Omelian, Robby Harris, Brent Boardman, James Smith, Brad Slone, Kylee Boardman, James Centers, Brett King, Mgr. Christie Hansen. Row 2: Mgr. Katie Langohr, Blake Chestnut, John Stump, Frank Bumgardner, Josh Thompson, Brian Lardino, Bryan Boggs, Josh Feasby, Chris Poage, Mgr. Emily Bauman, Mgr. April Yocum. Row 3: Coach Phil Cox, Coach Brett Bailey, Coach Charlie Wright, Tyler Elder, Josh Bonebrake, Derek Holst, Brian Frush, Tyler Wilkinson, Ross Adang, Ryan Poage, Brain Smith, Coach Jeremiah Racokzy, Coach Mark Racokzy, Coach Matt Koontz.

At the Mat

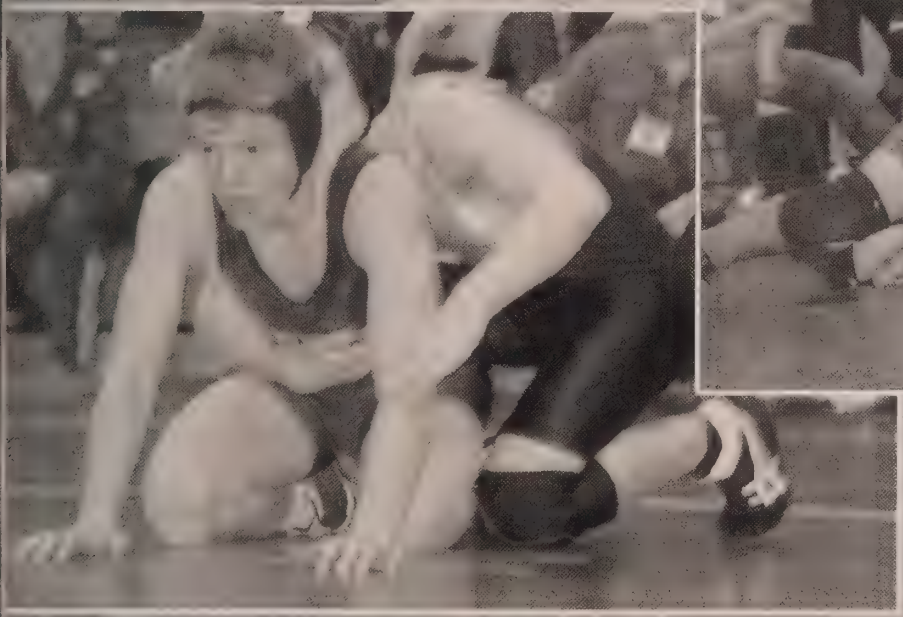
"It's not bragging if you can back it up."
-Muhammad Ali

Wrestling is a sport unlike many other sports. Mind over matter is the quality that a wrestler must possess to be effective. He needs to be able to decide his next move and he needs to react quickly. The Whitko Wrestling team possesses wrestlers with this quality. The team had a great record of 18:2. Qualifiers for regionals were Brett King, Frank Bumgardner, Brent Boardman, James Smith, Bryan Boggs, Tyler Wilkinson, Ryan Poage, Ross Adang, and Brian Frush. Qualifying for semi-state were Frank Bumgardner, James Smith, and Brent Boardman. Brent Boardman walked away with the semi-state champ title and his ticket to state. Brent had the support of not only his school, but also the town. Unfortunately, Brent did not come away with a win, but everyone is proud of his accomplishments. Congratulations to all wrestlers for a great season. Good luck next year!

Above: Robby Harris eyes his opponent while waiting for his next move.



Above: Ross Adang brings his opponent down.

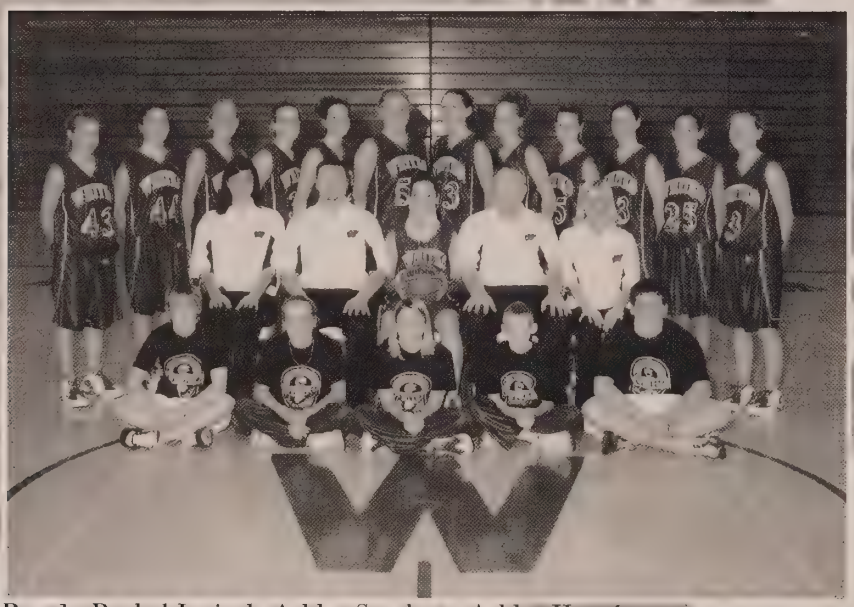


Above: Brent Boardman looks ready to explode up.

"Silent No More"

"The key is not the "will to win"...everybody has that. It is the will to prepare to win that is important." -Bobby Knight

Although the girls got off to a slow start this year, they really pulled it together toward the middle of the season. With excellent leadership and great support from the crowd, the team was able to double their wins from last year. The team had many young athletes, with six freshmen, two of which were starters; however, all of the players indicated they worked well together. Having great enthusiasm in such a young team, the girls surely have a good start for upcoming years. Coach Cunningham works hard to bring life back to the program.



Row 1: Rachel Juricak, Ashley Stephens, Ashley Hoopingarner, Brent Busz, Adam Nicodemus. Row 2: Coach Johnson, Coach Cunningham, Vanessa Seizmore, Coach Cuttriss, Coach Tysland. Row 3: Brandy Studebaker, Ashley Kennedy, Jill Wendel, Jennaca Juillerat, Amanda Busz, Jayanna Begley, Jamie Westness, Amber Stephens, Kylee Brown, Katie Trump, Veronica Jersey, Angie Juricak

Scores

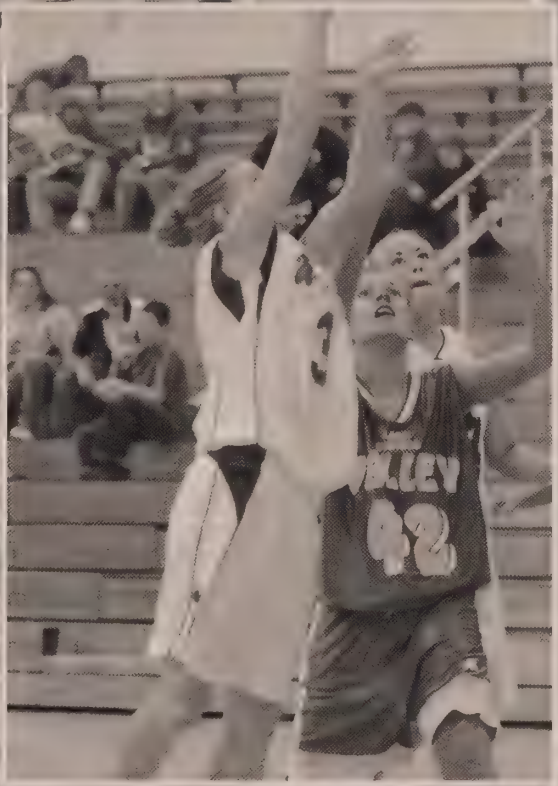
Opponent	Us-Them	
Central Noble	L	36-54
Columbia City	L	44-75
Churubusco	L	41-48
Elmhurst	L	52-75
North Miami	L	35-42
Wabash	W	50-39
Garrett	L	31-70
North Miami	L	29-44
Manchester	L	34-47
West Noble	W	38-36
Tippy Valley	L	44-55
Triton	L	42-57
Rochester	L	46-48
Southwood	W	43-41
Wawasee	L	36-65
Northfield	L	33-58
Wabash	W	65-50
Oak Hill	W	48-42
FW Southside	L	40-54
Bluffton	W	42-40
FW Wayne	L	44-49

Above: Amanda Busz fights to get around her opponent.

Right: Angie Juricak reaches for the rebound.

Above: Jennaca blocks her opponent as she lunges for the ball.

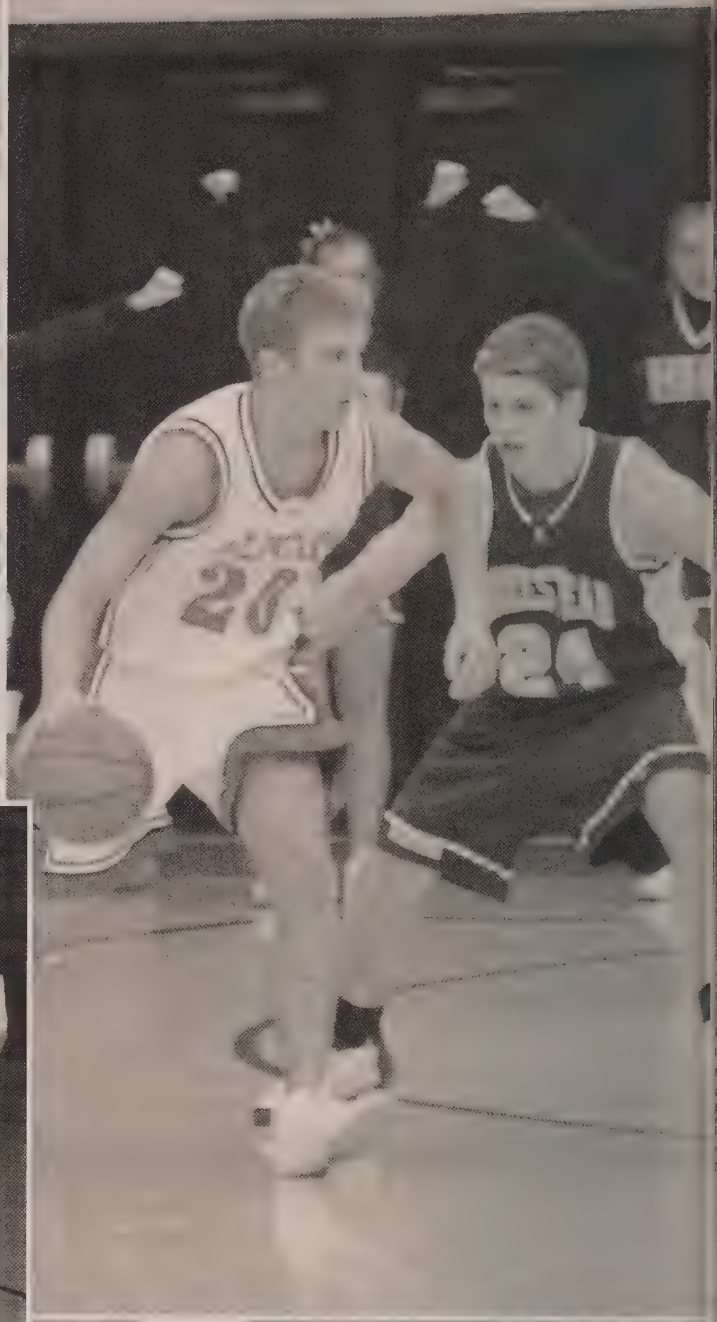
Above: Jayanna Begley jumps as her team mates line up to receive her pass.



Boys' Basketball

"Nobody who ever gave his best regreted it."
-George Halas

Dedication, determination, and devotion are three adjectives to describe the 2005 boys' basketball team. Although the record may not have shown it, many things were achieved throughout the season. Senior Nate Alspaugh and Junior Brad Smith were in the top ten in the confrence for total points scored per game. The team also put up a tough fight against Churubusco and came close to pulling out a win. Brad Smith also scored over twenty points in two of the games. Great season boys and good luck next year!



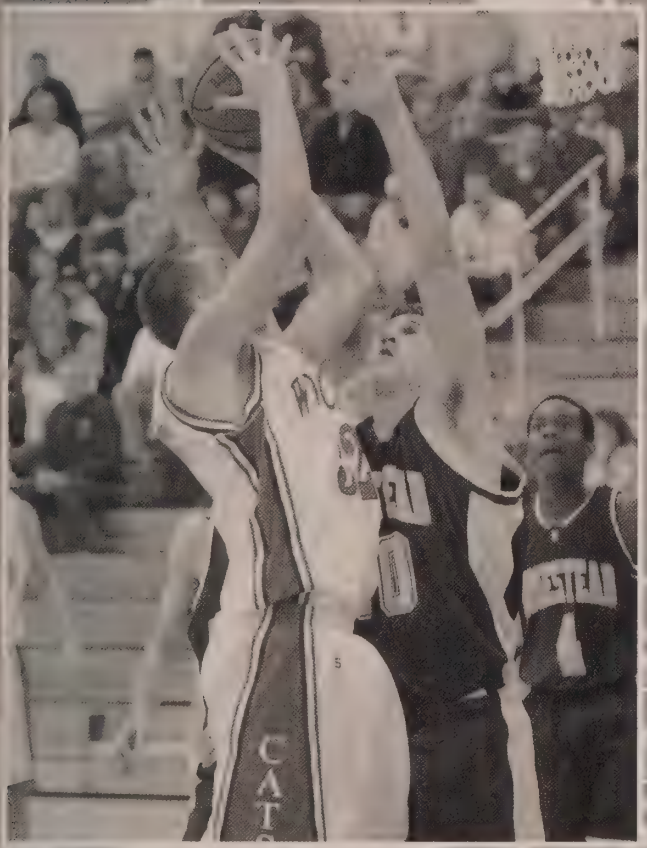
Above: Nate Alspaugh drives the ball to the basket.

Row 1: Mgr. Katie Addison, Camron Walter, Corey Spangle, Erich Schlicht, Brad Smith. Row 2: Coach Lael, Jason Woods, Jeff Coats, Nate Alspaugh, Dan Rupley, Justin Kurtz, Coach McManama.

Below: Camron Walter goes for the layup.

Record

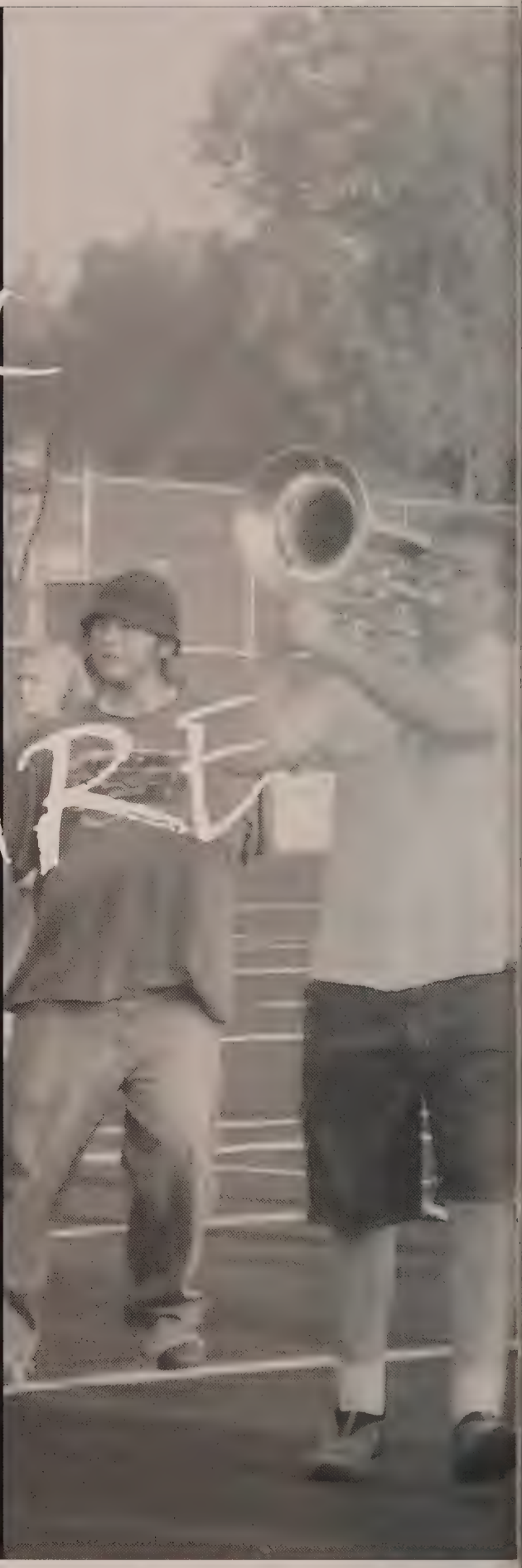
Opponent	Us-Them
Columbia City	34-48
Homestead	51-75
Norwell	43-54
Central Noble	63-66
West Noble	57-65
Tippecanoe Valey	32-57
Dekalb	31-52
Maconaquah	51-81
Rochester	51-54
FW Canterbury	53-52
Southwood	47-40
Northfield	46-40
Churubusco	50-57
Oak Hill	41-39
North Miami	50-58
Manchester	54-64
FW North Side	41-82
Carroll	55-63
Wawasee	48-78



Above: Dan Rupley attempts two points.

Right: Brad Smith looks for an open player to pass the ball to.

A MARK OF CULTURE



FINE ARTS

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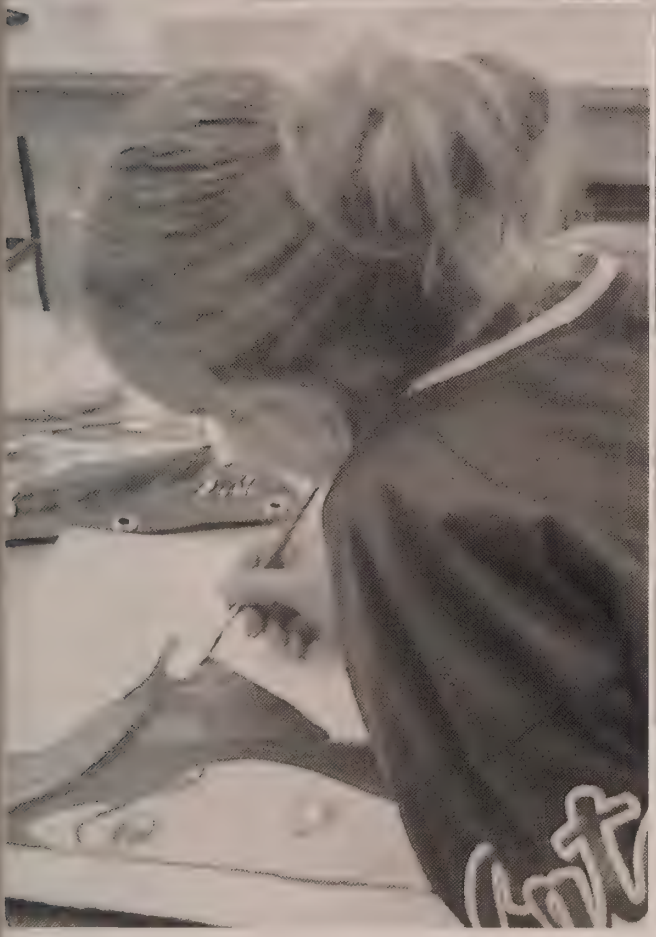
bring imagination to life...

The art room is a world away from any other classroom at Whitko High School. Though art students are given guidelines, they are allowed to let their creativity run wild. Students like Nicci Gardner have spent four years in art classes and are now ready to take their talent to a new level. Many seniors spend their last year preparing a portfolio for colleges to look at, just as athletes show off for scouts and scholars work on their academics. Nicci plans to attend St. Francis and one day become involved in Graphic Design and Advertising. Thoughts of a possible art career started in middle school, and she has since been working to improve her skills and master the art.

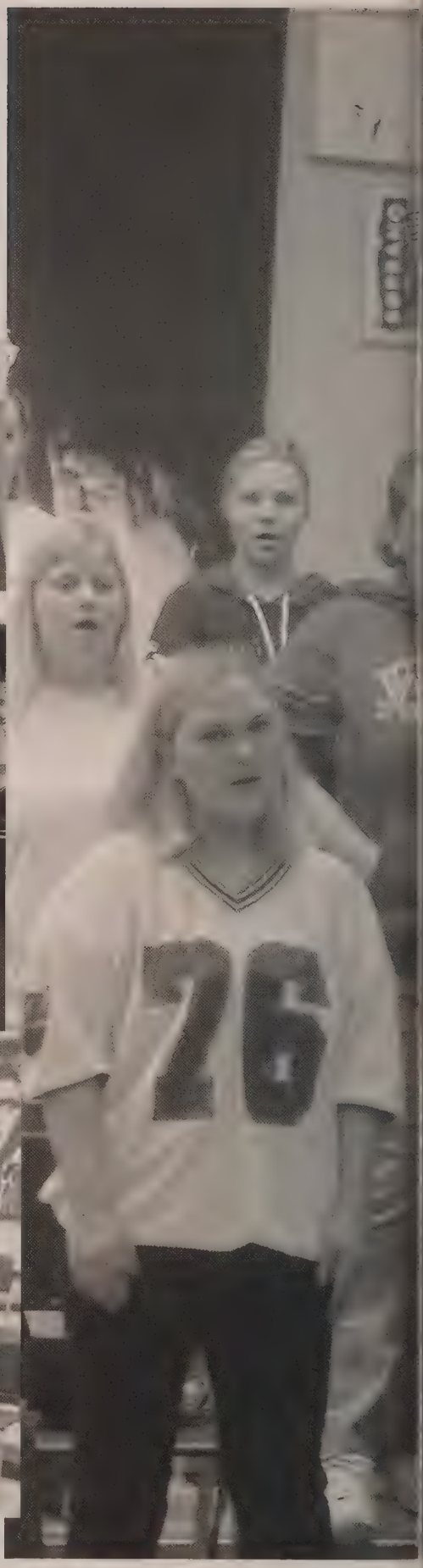
(top right) Sondra Engle molds a new creation on the potter's wheel.
(right) Art goes beyond the walls of the classroom into the hallways.
(above) Friends Betsy Shelby and Jenna Mishler catch up while painting.



(top) The Advanced Art classes are given more freedom to work with many different mediums to find their strenghts.
(bottom right) Senior Abby Iddles works at the noisy back table.
(bottom left) Chelsey Slater, a three year art student, uses her favorite tool, a paint brush.

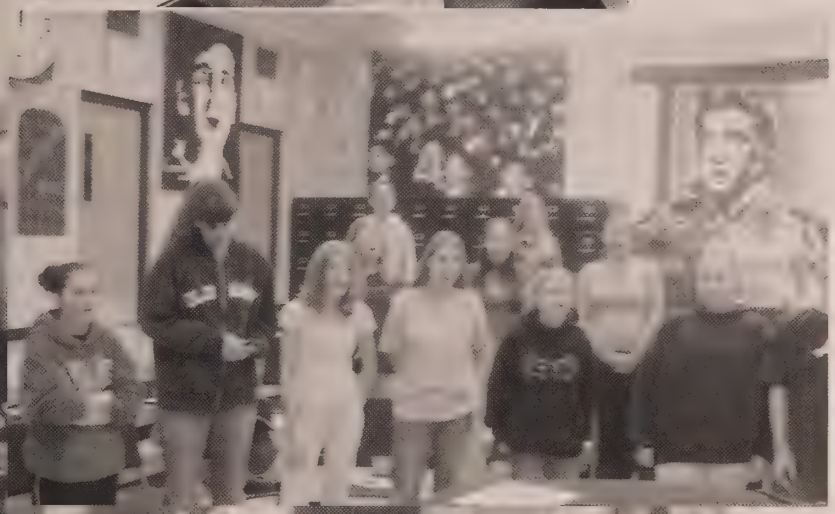
SOUNDS OF JOY
the voices that fill the hallways

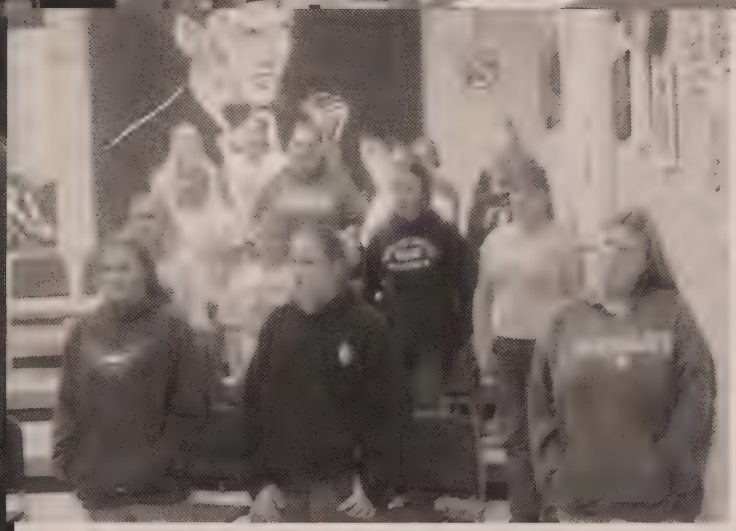
A choir student is easily spotted in the crowded Whitko hallways as they sing and humm to themselves. No, they are not crazy, these students are enhancing their lives with much needed music. In recent years at Whitko High School, the demand for choir has become so great that a beginning choir course was added. This course was designed for those students who have not yet been in a high school choir. Concert Choir is still thriving, giving experienced singers a chance to perform. Both choirs meet daily to practice and prepare for the three concerts they perform throughout the year.



(above) Student teacher, Mrs. Lloyd, directs under Mrs. Hinthorn's observation. (right) The sopranos listen as Mrs. Lloyd pounds out their part on the piano.

(below) Dawn Hinthorn is the director of both the Whitko High School and Whitko Middle School choirs.





(above) Concert choir rehearses for the October concert.

Gospel Choir
working for a higher power

Gospel Choir is an amazing group of strong Chrisitian students at Whitko High School. They devote their time Sunday mornings and evenings, weeknights and the occasional Saturday to praising the Lord through song. They meet during second period for seventy minutes a day to prepare their music before they go out into the community to sing. They sing at churches all over the state and have recently traveled as far as Douglas, Michigan. The Gospel Choir also sings at nursing homes, community functions, sporting events, and anywhere the Lord leads them to sing. The school is very thankful to have such a wonderful group of Christian teenagers and representing the school and the community.

Above: The team works out some knots and grow closer during a group building activity.

Row 1: Andrew Nicodemus, Bud Ousley. Row 2: Amanda Strang, Danielle Mowrey, Jenna Roman.Row 3: Wesley Williams, Andrea Socha, Korey Flinn, Mindy Kessie, Adam Nicodemus, Amanda Nicodemus, Michelle Colllier, Marissa Mudrack, Samantha Schrader .

Above: During a trip to Michigan, the Gospel Choir takes a break to enjoy the beautiful surroundings.

"My love for Jesus Christ, along with music, inspired me to join."
-Marissa Mudrack

"I wanted to join Gospel Choir because they performed at my church, and I knew from then that it would bring me closer to God."
- Michelle Collier

"Gospel Choir has been a chance for me to grow spiritually. I love being around people who share the same values."
-Danielle Mowrey

Left: Spending a lot of time together builds great friendships among the members.

Below: The group is still rehearsing the night before their performance!

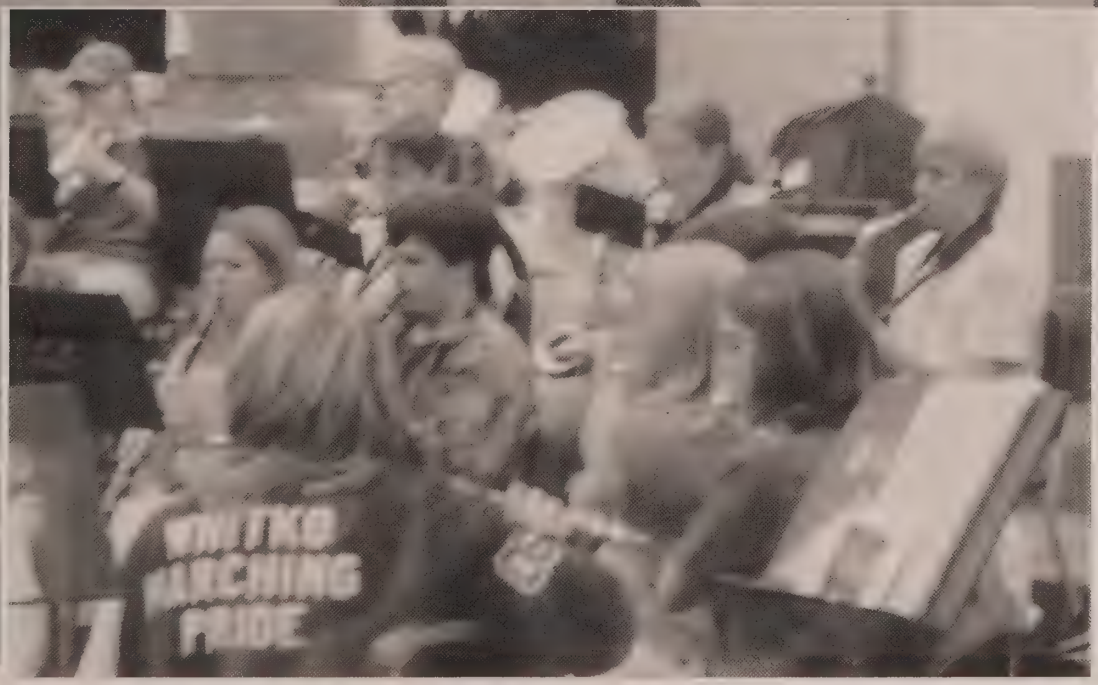
"Gospel Choir is very special to me. It is very encouraging to have people around you who you can trust completely."
-Mindy Kessie

(top left) Drum major Bud Ousley directs the band during a show.

(above) The Jazz band begins practicing for basketball season early in the fall.

MARCHING PRIDE
the sounds that fill the halls

From early morning practices in the school parking lot to late night performances at sporting events, the Whitko Marching Pride works constantly to liven school spirit. The 'Cats travel around the state to various competitions, often scoring among the leading bands. Part of their success is due to experience they have gained from performing for different crowds: parents and fans at competitions, peers at school convocations, and basically the entire town of South Whitley during basketball and football games.



(above) Marching Pride performs "Light Eternal" at halftime of the Homecoming game.

(left)Practices during the school day are also very important.

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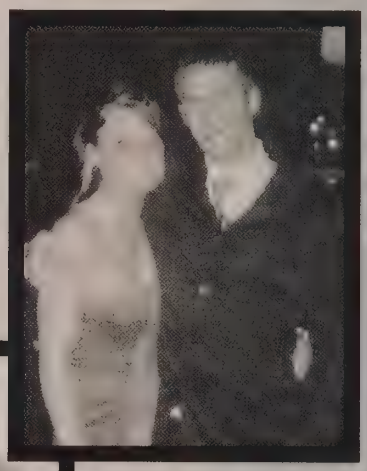

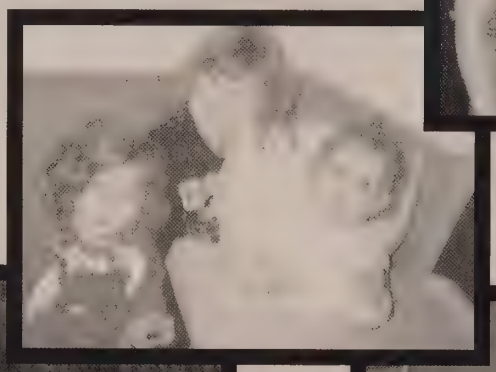

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High school pranks, we made these memories together
But now we have to leave it all behind

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We were all standing single file
Just waiting to jump and play at recess

And now...
We are standing single file
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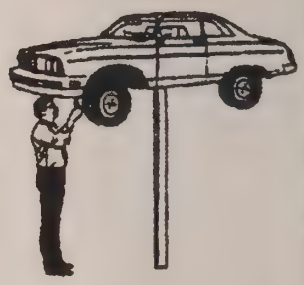

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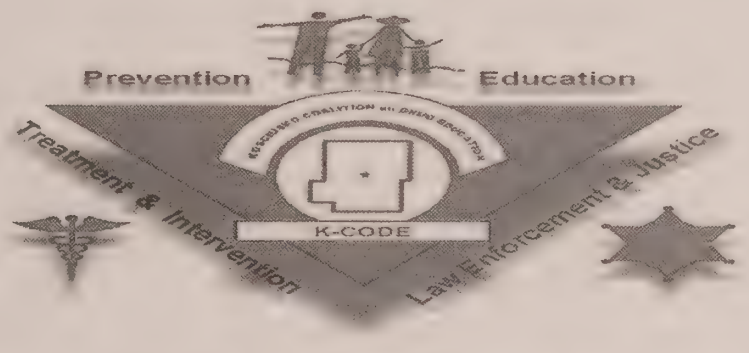

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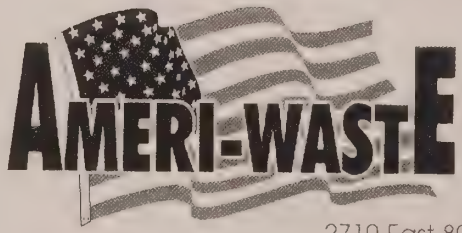

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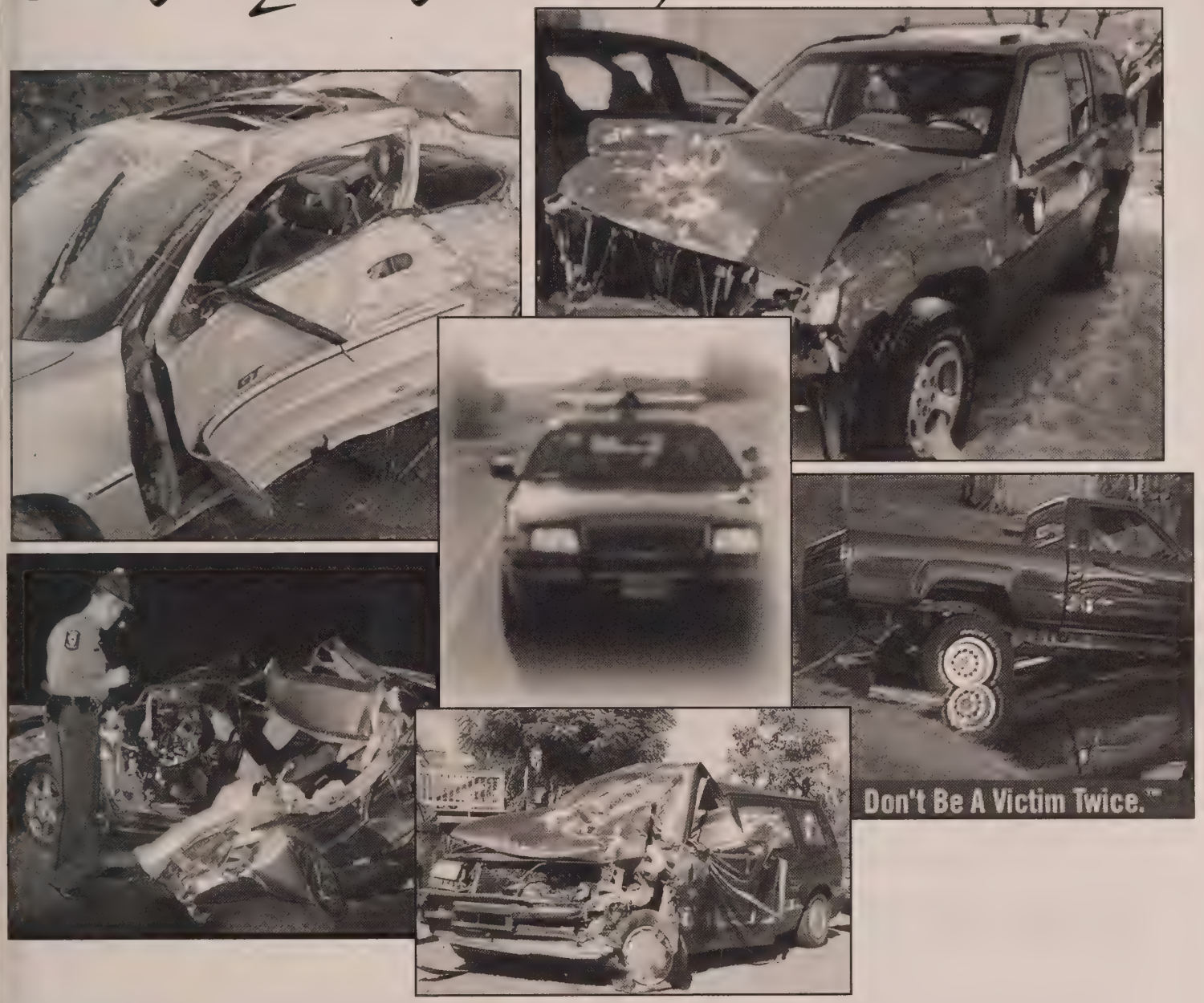

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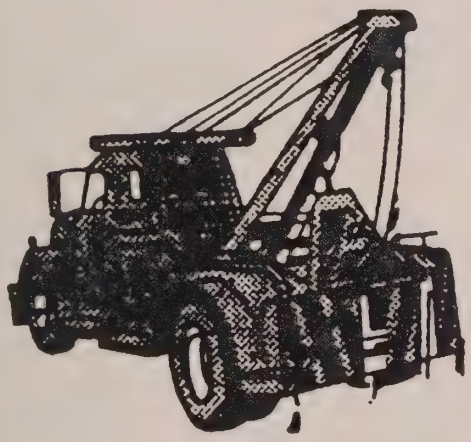

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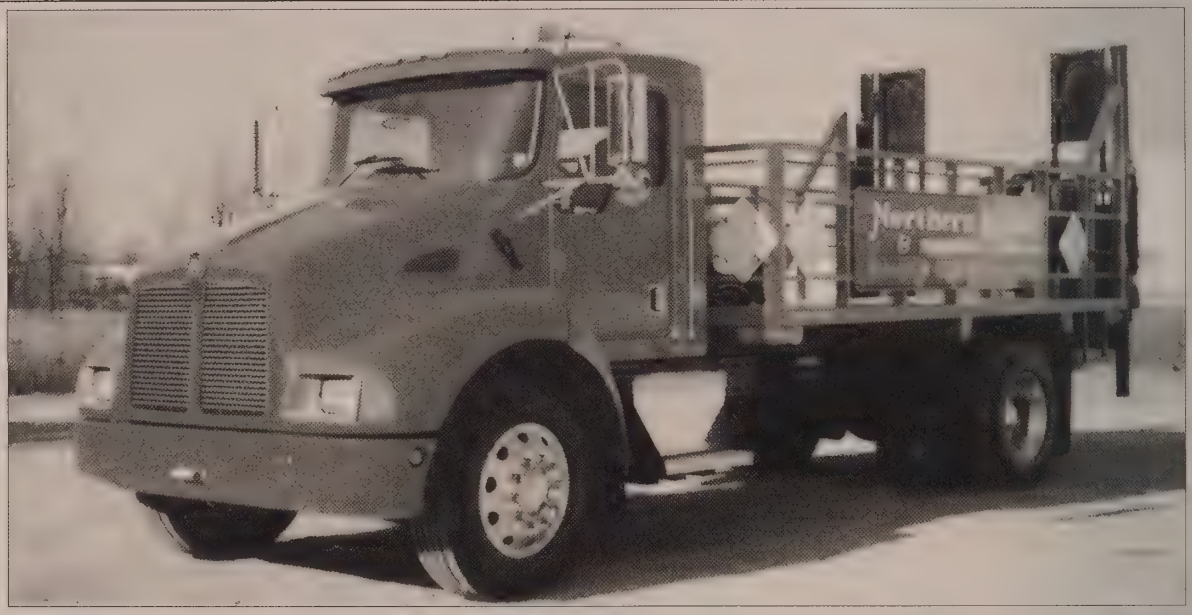

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